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Mr. Burger:

At its regularly scheduled meeting on November 10, 2005 with a quorum present, our Commission voted unanimously to protest the Class B liquor license renewal of China House, located at 1601 Benning Road, NE.

The Commission opposes the license renewal on the grounds that the establishment has: 1) a negative effect on the peace, order, and quiet in the neighborhood, and 2) that the establishment violates DC law by selling to minors. Testimony of the community at an Alcohol Beverage Licensing Committee held on October 18, 2005 indicates that several members of the community have witnessed "teenagers" drinking from single glass containers, bare cans, or brown paper bags in front of the store. The glass containers contribute to a significant problem of broken glass on public sidewalks. Further, the teenagers and other patrons of the store, loiter in the area eating the takeout food, thereby creating litter problems for nearby residents.

Commissioner Mary Beatty will represent our Commission at the renewal hearing on December 14, 2005.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A