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Ms. Jerrily R. Kress
Director
441 4th Street, N.W.
Suite 210
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Ms. Kress:

I am writing to request the denial of a "special exception to allow a change of nonconforming use from retail grocery to retail grocery and deli (no seats) under 2003, in an R-4 District for Bless 7 to 9, Inc., 434 Shepherd Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20011 **(Application Number 16880).** The Residents of Randolph, comprised of 15 residents in the 400 block of Randolph Street, N.W., wish to oppose the "special exception" because the business adversely impacts our abutting properties and continues to promote a grievous, hostile environment.

In the two years that Mr. Endale Terefa has owned the Bless 7 to 9 Store, the residents of the 400 block of Randolph and Shepherd Streets have witnessed:

- Excessive pedestrian and vehicular traffic
- Loitering during business hours
- Disturbances/noise during business hours
- Littering: soda and beer bottles, candy wrappers, etc.
- Shooting: May 1, 2002
- Homicide: May 6, 2002
- Store Robbery: December 2001
- Violation of current retail grocery license: sells beer and cigarettes to minors

Furthermore, Mr. Terefa has continuously failed to respect the concerns of the community and the law. On Monday, February 11, I (representing the Residents of Randolph); the Metropolitan Police Department; and a representative from the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, Alcohol Beverage Control, met with Mr. Terefa to discuss the littering, loitering, and other disturbances the store created. Mr. Terefa assured us that he would coordinate with the MPD, DCRA, and the community to

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attempt to alleviate many of the problems. To date, the same level of problems exists.

Thus, we request the Advisory Neighborhood Commission to disapprove the special exception application until the business owner addresses the aforementioned concerns. A petition (including required signatures) from residents of abutting properties, and a letter from the Metropolitan Police Department supporting our protest will be forwarded to your office within 10 days.

If you have inquiries regarding this protest, please contact me at (703) 607-6134.

Respectfully,

Kiesha Miller
Residents of Randolph

cc:

Mr. Adrian Fenty, Councilmember, Ward 4
Mr. Timothy Jones, Chairman, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (4C)
Mr. Shawn Fenty, Vice-Chairman, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (4C)
Lt. Samuel Snyder, PSA 407 Manager, Metropolitan Police Department

PETITION

This petition is to protest the request for a deli and/or alcohol license of Mr. Endale Terefa, Bless 7 to 9, Inc., 434 Shepherd Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20011. The store fosters littering, loitering, excessive vehicular and pedestrian traffic and noise to the abutting properties. In addition, Mr. Terefa sells alcohol and cigarettes to minors.

NAME	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE	PHONE NUMBER
EMMETT L JONES	424 SHEPHERD ST NW		202-723-6711
JIMMIE Gibson	434 Randolph st NW		291-3045
Eric Hardy	418 Shepherd St.	Eric Hardy	723-0664
Alrich Gray	430 Randolph St NW	Alrich Gray	291-7968
SHIRLEY FORD	427 Randolph St NW	Shirley Wilkerson-Ford	726-4640
Star Downing	419 Randolph St. NW	Star Downing	7231511
R. Murphy	424 RANDOLPH NW	Rosa Murphy	
Gregory Dinkins	428-Randolph	Gregory Dinkins	202-829-9591
Glenn Edelin	432 RANDOLPH ST.		202-248-1572
Kiesha Miller	421 Randolph St. NW		703-607-6134
Pam Lloyd	413 Randolph St		202-545-0122
* Neal Downing	419 Randolph St. NW		7231511
SHERMAN ROBINSON	4012-MARBERRY PL N.W		202-291-822
DIANE ADAMS	4020-5th St NW	Diane Adams	726-1993 727-3056
TRACI+SHARON SADLER	432 Shepherd St NW		726 4621 202 545 0572
Vilma m. williams	423 Randolph St NW	vilma m williams	202 882-8989
Mary M Lewis	514 Shepherd st N	MARY M LEWIS	2918068
Denita Coleman	416 Shepherd St. NW		829-9361

NAME	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE	PHONE NUMBEI
M/M MILLS	436 Randolph St. NW	M/M Mills	202-722-007
J. L. Minor	426-Randolph St. NW	Joshua R Minor	202-882-6:

Petition

This is to protest the deli application of Mr. Endale Teneta, 434 Shepherd St. NW Washington, D.C. The Bless 7 to 9 Store Inc. fosters loitering, littering, increased pedestrian and vehicular traffic and noise. Bless 7 to 9 Store is a nuisance to its abutting properties.

Name	Address	Signature	Phone Number
Kevin C. Blackwell	612 Upshur	Kevin Blackwell	882-0373
Calvin Lynch	511 Quincy St. N.W.		
[illegible]	434 Shepherd St. NW		
Willie M. Hollis	531 Shepherd St NW		
Maria C. Hooks	517 Quincy St NW		Wash. D.C. 20011-58