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To whom this may concern,

Hope this is still in time for consideration, and please kindly disregard this email if not.

I am writing today in support of the business Ching Ching Cha, located on 1314 21st St NW, Washington, DC regarding obtaining their permit to serve tea and beverages. I am a journalism student at George Washington University and had the privilege to interview Ching Ching and her tea house for one of my assignments this past semester. Her resilience through tough times, her unwavering focus on serving tea and spreading the culture without focusing on monetary gains struck me the most. From the peaceful environment she created inside the tea house, to the community she built and carried with her from Georgetown to the West End, Ching Ching's tea house serves much more than just tea, but much-needed interpersonal connections in a city like DC.

I thank you for your service to the city, and once again voice my sincere support and appreciation for Ching Ching Cha. As we come out of a pandemic that was devastating for many small businesses, protecting and promoting places that has significant cultural values and builds communities is more crucial now than ever.

For the full video and interview, please visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ol0jRQy0C2Q>

Sincerely yours,

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Stephen Li