



September 7, 2021

Ms. Maria Farrell  
Boston Licensing Board  
1 City Hall Square  
Room 809  
Boston, MA 02201

Re: 682 Cummins Highway  
New Retail Package Store Wine and Malt Beverages License Application  
GMNC Public Services Committee

Dear Ms. Farrell:

On Tuesday, August 3, 2021, the Public Services Committee of the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council heard a presentation from Drago + Toscano, LLP in support of a Wine and Malt Beverages License Application at 682 Cummins Highway.

The Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council opposes this application for the following reasons:

1. A number of materials promised by applicant (most importantly including letters of support) to be provided after the meeting were not provided.
2. We believe that while the customers of the existing gas station who are just driving through Mattapan on their way elsewhere may find it more convenient to be able to purchase alcohol there, residents of that neighborhood are comfortable buying alcohol across the street at Crest Liquors.
3. Our understanding is that at a prior community meeting held specifically with abutters, the general consensus of the group was that the immediate neighbors would not benefit from this application.
4. We sympathize with the owners of the gas station when they say their customer counts have lowered by half since menthol cigarette restrictions have been put in place by the state, but we believe that replacing those sales with alcohol sales will not benefit the people who live in our community.

Signed,

The Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council