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VIA E-MAIL: jlong@somervillema.gov

Board of Aldermen
c/o John Long, City Clerk
City Hall
93 Highland Avenue
Somerville, MA 02143

Re: Speedway Store #2513 – Somerville, MA Extended Hours Public Hearing

Dear Members of the Board of Aldermen:

My name is Richard M. Blau. I am a partner with the law firm of GrayRobinson, P.A. and I head up the firm's Alcohol Beverage & Food Law Department. GrayRobinson serves as national regulatory counsel for Speedway LLC.

Currently before the Board of Aldermen is an application to re-issue the extended operating hours license for a retail off-premise gas station and convenience store located at 709 McGrath Highway, Somerville, Massachusetts. This location has been authorized to operate during extended operating hours for several years; the only reason that a new application is pending before the Board of Aldermen is because Speedway LLC became the new owner of record pursuant to a corporate merger.

GrayRobinson has been working with Speedway to follow appropriate procedures for obtaining a reissuance of the extended operating hours license for this particular location. Due to excusable neglect on the part of counsel, Speedway was erroneously informed that the hearing for this license application was scheduled for October 22, 2015, rather than the actual date of October 21, 2015. It is for this reason, and only this reason, that Speedway LLC did not attend yesterday's hearing to represent its position as to why an extended operating hours license should be renewed and reissued for this particular location.

Due to the inadvertent omission of any arguments to be presented before the Board, Speedway LLC respectfully requests that the October 21st actions not be ratified, and that instead the hearing process be restarted so that all sides can be vetted by the Board in order to best protect the interests of the public.

If you have any questions concerning the information set forth in this correspondence, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned directly.

Respectfully,



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cc: Nora R. Adukonis, Esq. (via e-mail)