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Commissioner Lilly M. Fan
New York State Liquor Authority
80 South Swan Street, Suite 900
Albany, NY 12210

Dear Commissioner Fan,

I write to express my **strong opposition** to granting a New York State Liquor License to Franklin BK Hospitality LLC at 25 Franklin St in Greenpoint, Brooklyn, a proposed 1,000+ capacity nightclub operated by the Tao Hospitality Group in my district. I have never received so much correspondence from constituents about an establishment and I fully echo their concerns.

For nearly 20 years, our community has been working to complete the long-promised Bushwick Inlet Park. And we've just had a major breakthrough as construction has begun on the "Motiva" site that surrounds the ecologically-sensitive Bushwick Inlet. By next year, neighbors will finally be able to access the waterside that supports a range of bird, plant and animal life. It should be a place of peaceful enjoyment.

Now that progress is being threatened by a massive, partially outdoor nightclub separated from the new section of the park only by a small fence. Blaring music, the loud din from crowds, pollution from external cooling systems and excessive light at night will pose an existential threat to the unique naturalistic ecosystem and the park goers who will seek peaceful refuge there.

This nightclub is being considered as yet another has been proposed directly adjacent at 1 Meserole St. But to their credit, these proprietors have been far more engaged in the concerns and needs of the surrounding community. The same cannot be said of Tao Hospitality Group's ambitions.

I love that Greenpoint has become a nightlife destination. It supports jobs, culture, great food, and more. Cities are meant to be thriving, sometimes noisy places. But there is also such a thing as responsible planning—and this is not it.

Respectfully,

Assemblymember Emily Gallagher