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The Honorable Myrth York
Chair, Providence Zoning Board of Review
190 Dyer Street
Providence, RI 02903

Re: Proposed Special Use Permit for 236 Meeting Street and 157 Cushing Street,
Assessor's Plat 13, Lots 31 and 32

Dear Chairperson York and Members of the Zoning Board of Review:

Please accept this letter as a statement of the serious concerns my constituents have concerning the proposed application. As I read the document, it would increase the capacity of the restaurant 41 interior seats and 68 outdoor seats, while at the same time limit parking to 9 spaces where the Code calls for 53 seats.

As the Board is aware, there is not a shortage of restaurants in this portion of Thayer Street, nor is there a surplus of parking spaces. Instead, the proposed development would worsen existing congestion and harm the quality of life and viability of the other establishments already on Thayer Street. While I will not be able to attend the hearing, my own experience with the area suggests it would be difficult to produce a credible traffic study that could justify the requested project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sam D. Zurier".