

July 30, 2010

The Honorable Mayor Ron Sandack
Village of Downers Grove Municipal Center
801 Burlington Street
Downers Grove, IL 60515

Dear Mayor Sandack:

I understand that at the September meeting of the Downers Grove Liquor Commission, the selling of food and liquor until 2:00 a.m. on Saturday morning, will be addressed. The Downers Grove Area Chamber of Commerce & Industry believes this allowance will provide an equitable solution as our Members compete with like-businesses in near surrounding communities. Hours of close are an important consideration in a patron's decision as to which establishment to spend the evening. Because towns like Lombard, Oak Brook, Lisle and Naperville allow food and liquor service until 2:00 a.m., Downers Grove establishments maintain a competitive disadvantage. Incorporation of this amendment will also address safety concerns and reduce cruising at a late hour.

Businesses such as Hooters, Ballydoyle, Emmet's Ale House and Shannahan's are long time corporate citizens whereas both the Village and the business have had a mutually beneficial relationship. Taking action to support this ordinance amendment will affirm the business climate in Downers Grove and bode well for retention. Newer establishments such as Rita's American Roadhouse also look forward to a long term relationship with the Village.

Please consider supporting the allowance of 2:00 a.m. Saturday, food and liquor service. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Laura Crawford
President & CEO

cc: Board of Directors