



BLACK DUCK INC.

DEAR WESTPORT RTM members:

I AM WRITING THIS LETTER IN SUPPORT OF MATTHEW MANDELL'S PROPOSAL TO ALLOW WESTPORT'S CAFES AND RESTAURANTS TO REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 1 AM ON SUNDAY NIGHTS WHEN THE NEXT DAY IS A NATIONAL HOLIDAY SUCH AS MEMORIAL DAY OR PRESIDENT'S DAY.

FOR THE PAST 32 YEARS THIS WESTPORT SUNDAY "BLUELAW" HAS HELPED CREATE FINANCIAL HARSHIPS FOR THE BLACK DUCK CAFE AS WELL AS OTHER WESTPORT EATING ESTABLISHMENTS THIS FACT IS NEARLY MORE PREVALENT THAN IN THE MIDDLE OF A HOLIDAY WEEKEND WHEN WE HAVE TO CLOSE BOTH THE KITCHEN AND BAR EARLY TO COMPLY WITH THE LAW. THESE PARTICULAR SUNDAY NIGHTS ARE USUALLY BUSY AND CUSTOMERS ARE INCREDULOUS (AND OFTEN UPSET) TO LEARN THEY HAVE TO GET UP AND LEAVE. AT THIS POINT WE FIND OURSELVES APOLOGIZING TO OUR CUSTOMERS AND GIVING THEM NAMES AND DIRECTIONS OF ESTABLISHMENTS IN FAIRFIELD AND NORWALK THAT COULD STAY OPEN UNTIL 1 AM.

HOLIDAY WEEKENDS ARE A MUCH NEEDED AND ANTICIPATED BOOST IN BUSINESS FOR THE RESTAURANT AND TAVERN INDUSTRY, ESPECIALLY DURING THESE DIFFICULT ECONOMIC TIMES. ALLOWING RESTAURANTS TO STAY OPEN TILL 1 AM ON HOLIDAY SUNDAY WEEKENDS WOULD FIT IN NICELY WITH WESTPORT'S NEW PRO-BUSINESS ATTITUDE. PLEASE CONSIDER MODIFYING THIS WESTPORT "BLUELAW" WHICH HAS HURT SO MANY RESTAURANTS FOR SO MANY YEARS.

Very truly yours:

Peter ATKIN

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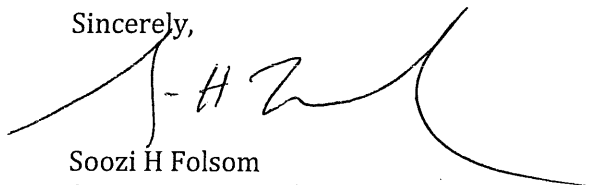
March 20, 2012

Matthew Mandell
RTM District 1 Representative
Town of Westport

Dear Matthew,

The Mansion Clam House does not, in any way, object to changing Westport Liquor codes to allow Sunday bar service past the current 11:00 PM closing time. In this volatile economy, it hurts our bottom line when a fully seated restaurant and bar leave at the current closing time, only to go to neighboring Fairfield or Norwalk to spend their money. We need the opportunity to fairly compete with the neighboring towns that do not have a Sunday restriction in place.

Sincerely,



Soozi H Folsom
Owner, Mansion Clam House

