



August 31, 2020

Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages & Lottery Operations
Division of Liquor Licensing & Enforcement
8 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0008

RE: Agency Liquor Store Hearings for Portland

My name is Cathleen Sullivan and I am part owner of R.S.V.P. on Forest Ave in Portland. R.S.V.P. opened in 1981 on Forest Ave and obtained a liquor license in the 1990's.

Is there currently an area in Portland with limited access to spirit sales? I can tell you that the area of Forest Ave is not lacking access. Currently along the Forest Ave corridor -

Hannafords – 295 Forest Ave
Bow St Beverage – 495 Forest Ave (6/10ths of a mile from Hannafords)
RSVP – 887 Forest Ave (9/10ths of a mile from Bow St.)

There is approximately 1.5 miles between these 3 locations alone. If either Friendly Discount or Global Montello – Forest Ave were chosen it would put 4 agency stores within a 1.8 mile area.

Currently, there are 7 agency stores within 2.5 miles from RSVP. If indeed another agency store is needed in Portland, wouldn't it be practical to select a location that wouldn't cannibalize your current agency store partners. I respectfully ask that you heavily weigh the geographical location of applicants compared to existing agency stores while making your final choice for an 11th agency store in Portland.

Thank you for your considerations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Cathleen E. Sullivan'.

Cathleen Sullivan
RSVP

Portland
Existing Agency Comment
RSVP 887 Forest Avenue
Exhibit 8