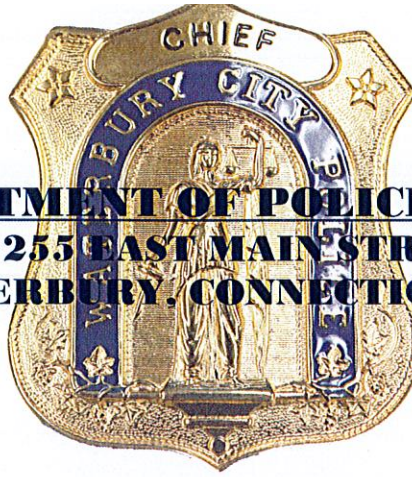




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To the Honorable Members of the Connecticut Liquor Control Commission:

I am writing this letter to respectfully request that the liquor permit for Lit Ultra Lounge located at 483 West Main Street in Waterbury, Connecticut be suspended due to the perilous public safety concern to the citizens of Waterbury, and the immense strain on police resources that this establishment is causing.

The pattern of criminal activity includes a shooting that occurred earlier in the year that fortunately did not result in a murder, but did unfortunately result in a gunshot victim inside Lit Ultra Lounge. The most recent serious incident that occurred inside Lit Ultra Lounge on September 3rd, is a murder, along with two different victims who sustained injuries from gunfire that same night. A crucial thing to understand about the area where Lit Lounge is, is that there is a large amount of residences above the businesses to include Lit Ultra Lounge; therefore, for the immediate surrounding community gunshots occurring on the premise of Lit Ultra Lounge is a serious health and safety concern. In response to this criminal activity at Lit Ultra Lounge, the Waterbury Police Department has been forced to assign additional personnel to maintain an increased police presence in the area of Lit Ultra Lounge. This not only results in unnecessary overtime expenditures, but shifts patrols from other much needed activities in other areas of the City.

As the Chief of Police, I have a duty and obligation to maintain order and public safety, but I recognize that my Department's resources are not unlimited. Lit Ultra Lounge requires an almost constant police presence which places an unnecessary strain on our resources. More important than resources, however, is my concern for public and officer safety. The continued operation of Lit Ultra Lounge and the criminal activity that occurs there has a negative impact on both public safety and the quality of life in the City of Waterbury. As the Chief of Police I will not tolerate the violence that continues to occur at Lit Ultra Lounge. Therefore, I respectfully request that the Connecticut Liquor Commission suspend the liquor permit at Lit Ultra Lounge.

Respectfully submitted,

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