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M. Caitlin S. Anderson  
Director, Liquor Control Division  
CT Dept. of Consumer Protection  
450 Columbus Blvd, Suite 901  
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Director Anderson,

I am writing to request a "Summary Suspension" of the Humacao Restaurant & Bar license held by Robert Carrasco, Credential # 0021281 d/b/a Humacao Restaurant & Bar, located at 775 Silver Lane STE B12, East Hartford, CT. The restaurant liquor permit was issued 12/12/2023 and expires 12/11/2024, with endorsements for comedians, concerts, disc jockeys, karaoke, and Live Bands. Further, there is a backer listed as "Jumping Coqui Restaurant and Lounge, LLC".

The establishment poses an immediate danger to customers, neighbors, motorists and responding police officers. This business persists in hosting unruly crowds, loud music and intoxicated persons despite repeated citizen complaints and response by the East Hartford Police Department. A review of department records documented that the department has responded to complaints at, or related to, Humacao Restaurant & Bar over 19 times during the last 5 years, between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m. Incidents there include homicide, firearms violations, fights, intoxicated persons, trespassing and noise complaints.

Most recently, on March 16, 2024, at approximately 1:22 a.m. patrol officers responded to Humacao Restaurant & Bar on a report of a male suffering from a gunshot wound to the chest that resulted in a homicide. When officers arrived on the scene, they were met with a large crowd, heavily intoxicated patron that posed significant challenges with providing immediate medical assistance to the victim. Crowd aggression escalated quickly, creating chaos at the scene, making it challenging for emergency service to communicate effectively and maintain control of the situation. The victim was then transported to Saint Francis Hospital, where he was pronounced deceased.

Again, a query of East Hartford Police Department records for the past 5 years finds over 19 calls for service either at, or related to, Humacao Restaurant & Bar. This query was for the period of 1/1/19 to 3/18/24. While the case summarized above is the most significant incident, the neighborhood has continually reported Quality of Life issues related to loud music emanating from Humacao, and various suspicious acts to the Police Department and a letter from the community to Town Council.

Activity at Humacao has escalated in the calendar year 2024. The police department responded to 11 calls for service since January 1, 2024. This is a significant increase from the previous years of calls for service. The previous cases include Liquor Law violations and a shooting incident.

The staff at Humacao Restaurant and Bar are aware of the complaints listed above, but such activity at this bar continues to persist, most recently resulting in the Homicide and melee of intoxicated patrons posing a risk to officers providing life saving measures to the victim. Unlawful activity appears to be increasing despite efforts of the police department. The presence and use of firearms on the Humacao property is very concerning and poses an obvious threat to patrons, staff, neighbors and our responding officers.

The Town of East Hartford respectfully requests a Summary Suspension of Humacao Restaurant & Bar's liquor permit to allow a complete review of all reports and complaints related to their operation. We will forward our reports and video footage upon request.

Respectfully,



Mack S. Hawkins  
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cc: Mayor Connor Martin