



September 30, 2011

Sharlene Mitchell
City Finance Office
300 6th Street
Rapid City, SD 57701



Dear Ms. Mitchell,

We are writing to express our concerns with the Gas Depot Ranch Mart – 520 Birch Avenue, selling alcohol, including hard liquor, beer, and 40 ounce malt liquor across the street from South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. Since the instatement of the liquor license in February of 2009, the number of unauthorized individuals or trespassers on the School of Mines campus and the School of Mines Foundation properties has significantly increased (see chart below).

Year	Reported Incidents
2011	13
2010	15
2009	10
2008	1
2007	2

Most of these individuals or trespassers were highly intoxicated. The chart indicates the number of formally reported incidents, which are a small percentage of the actual number of incidents. Our University family including staff, students and their parents are concerned about the negative effects this alcohol license has regarding personal safety and the neighborhood. We are all increasingly troubled by the likelihood of a serious incident. We have been working closely with the Rapid City Police Department to ensure a safe environment for our students and staff, as they continue to be extremely concerned for their personal safety and the neighborhood environment. We are troubled by the increasing likelihood of a serious incident.

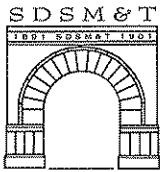
We hereby request denial of the renewal of the Package (Off-Sale) Liquor License that is scheduled for renewal on January 1, 2012 for the Gas Depot Ranch Mart.

Sincerely,

Timothy G. Henderson
VP for Finance and Administration

Dr. Patricia G. Mahon
VP for Student Affairs and Dean of Students

cc: Dr. Robert A. Wharton, President



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September 28, 2011

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Dear Ms. Mitchell,

We are writing to express our concerns with the Gas Depot Ranch Mart – 520 Birch Avenue selling alcohol, including hard liquor, beer, and 40 ounce malt liquor across the street from South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and the SDSM&T Foundation properties. Since the instatement of the liquor license in February of 2009, the number of unauthorized individuals or trespassers on School of Mines Foundation properties has significantly increased.

Our properties include the ADPi Sorority house and other nearby buildings that house many young people who work and go to school on campus. Concerns and complaints from the tenants continue to increase, and many are fearful of encounters with vagrant and intoxicated people. They are afraid to go home at night.

We have been working closely with the Rapid City police department and campus to try to ensure a safe environment for our tenants who are largely students from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. Our tenants continue to be extremely concerned for their personal safety and the neighborhood environment. We are concerned the likeliness of a serious incident is inevitable. We hereby request denial of the renewal of the Package (Off-Sale) Liquor License that is scheduled for renewal on January 1st for the Gas Depot Ranch Mart.

Sincerely,

Lorin L. Brass
Acting President

Mitchell Sharlene

From: Hani Shafai <hani@dreamdesigninc.com>
Sent: Monday, October 03, 2011 9:35 PM
To: Kooiker Sam; Brown Gary; Doyle Charity; Davis Dave; Petersen Bonny; Nordstrom Ritchie; Wright Jerry; Mason Jordan; Roberts John; Sasso Ron; Laurenti Steve
Cc: Mitchell Sharlene; Sumption Pauline; Hani Shafai
Subject: RE: Liquor Sale next to South Dakota School of Mines and Technology

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

The South Dakota School of Mines and Technology has been a great engine of economic development for Rapid City and the State of South Dakota. Some of its graduates have significantly contributed to the local economy and others have gone to be leaders in the engineering and technology fields serving as presidents of large national and international corporations.

The Gas Depot Ranch Mart – 520 Birch Avenue is currently selling alcohol, including hard liquor, beer, and 40 ounce malt liquor across the street from South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. Based on the data from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, since the instatement of the liquor license in February of 2009, the number of unauthorized individuals or trespassers on the School of Mines campus and the School of Mines Foundation properties has significantly increased (see chart below).

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The South Dakota School of Mines and several in the community are concerned with the sale of such commodity across from the institution. These concerns are related to the safety of the young students at the university. Protecting the safe education environment around the university is a top priority to the university administration. I am sure this view is shared by most of you serving on the City Council.

This License is up for renewal in January. Please protect the huge asset that the community has at the South Dakota School of Mined and Technology.

Thank you for your help in this matter and please contact me if you need any additional information.

Hani F. Shafai, PE
President

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