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Pete Patel  
America's Best Value Inn  
737 Knox Highway 10  
Galesburg, Illinois 61401

Re: Class D (Hotel) Liquor License for America's Best Value Inn

Dear Mr. Patel:

I am writing you on behalf of Mayor Dennis Maurer in his capacity as the acting Liquor Commissioner for the City of Knoxville, Illinois (City). On January 19, 2018, the City received a letter from you, asking that the City consider America's Best Value Inn's application for a license to sell alcohol at the hotel.

At the present time, the City has no available "Class D" liquor licenses, the class of liquor licenses which permit the retail sale of alcohol at a hotel. Before you could apply for such a license, the City Council would need to authorize issuing such a license. However, I encourage you to attend the next City Council meeting, on **Monday, February 5, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.** and discuss your plans with the City Council. Should the City Council feel that a liquor license was appropriate, it could vote at a subsequent meeting to create a new Class D license. You could then, at that time, pay the \$500 application fee and complete the application process and background check. Please let me know if you are interested in attending this City Council meeting so that I can place this matter on the meeting agenda.

To avoid any appearance of impropriety, the City respectfully declines your offer of a 20% room discount for City employees and officials.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,

Robert B. McCoy  
For Miller, Hall & Triggs, LLC

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c: R. Dennis Maurer