BAR N RANCH

February 16th, 2005

Your Honor,

We are writing this letter to show our total and complete support of TJ Boule's restaurant, TJ's Bettola, in attempt to have the conditional Beer & Wine license extended year round. We would have driven to Billings in person to convey our message if our schedule would have allowed, however we were unable to change our schedule to accommodate this hearing. Please accept our letter as a substitute for our appearance with our apologizes for not being there in person.

Currently, their license is valid from June 1st to October 1st requiring her to close her business October thru May.

Like Miss Boule, we have a new business in West Yellowstone and would not be able to build our business the way we have without year round accessibility. Our restaurant and lodge are open year-round and that would not be possible without our ability to serve alcohol throughout all the seasons. Any restaurant that hopes to survive year-round in a tourist town like West Yellowstone, needs to be able to serve beer and wine throughout that period.

There is no other restaurant in West Yellowstone of this type and exceptional quality. This town needs more high-end restaurants, open year-round, in order to attract and maintain the type of clientele we are all hoping to attract. West Yellowstone in the winter already suffers from the closing of too many businesses, thereby causing a serious reduction in our ability as a town to attract and provide support services to tourist visiting our area. Other less "high-end" restaurants may not see the overall advantage to a community increasing the number of quality restaurants in the area, but we here at the Bar N Ranch support T.J.'s efforts and join her in trying to raise the bar for all other restaurants in the West Yellowstone area. It would be to the benefit of all others in West Yellowstone to allow this business to survive.

Please allow this extension of the Beer and Wine License.

We support it. Thank you for your time today and please consider the overall benefit to the town, as well as to T.J. Bettola's, when rendering your decision.

Regards,

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