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Subject: Support for Carlton Lounge Premises Licence

To whom it may concern

I have been a professional belly dancer working with Carlton Lounge (Tiger bay) and its brand for nearly ten years. Throughout my time performing at the venue, I have always felt safe and supported, thanks to the professionalism and vigilance of the management and staff.

As a performer, safety is a crucial aspect of my work, and Carlton Lounge (Tigerbay) has consistently ensured a secure and respectful environment, not just for me, but for all people. The security team at the front entrance is always attentive, ensuring customers behave responsibly and remain considerate of local neighbours and others' personal safety. Their presence is reassuring, not intrusive, making sure that everyone arriving at the venue is welcomed and checked appropriately, keeping the atmosphere controlled and enjoyable.

Inside the venue, Carlton Lounge has established itself as one of the most recognised lounges for live entertainment, with a reputation for high standards and a well-managed environment. The staff are exceptionally vigilant while I perform, ensuring that guests can fully appreciate the entertainment while maintaining a safe and respectful space for everyone. Their approach to safety goes beyond security presence, it is the way they engage with customers inside, the way they manage the flow of the venue, and their commitment to responsible and safe place for so many people.

Over the past ten years, the team has always prioritised my safety, and I have also seen firsthand how they look after the well-being of their customers. From monitoring behaviour inside the venue to ensuring guests leave in a responsible manner, Carlton Lounge takes great care in upholding their responsibility to provide a safe and welcoming space.

It is truly sad and unfortunate what has happened involving a young man, but it is important to acknowledge that such an incident is not typical nor reflective of Carlton Lounge or its management. This venue has long been a place for people to socialise, enjoy entertainment, and come together in a respectful and diverse setting. With a dedicated team, a strong security presence, and a commitment to cultural enrichment, Carlton Lounge has proven to be a valuable space for performers like myself and the wider community.

I hope that the licensing authority recognises Carlton Lounge's dedication to safety, professionalism, and cultural diversity and acknowledges their continued effort in maintaining a space where people can enjoy themselves securely and responsibly.

Thank you

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