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Dear Mr. Levine,

I am writing to you in regards to an extension request of our outdoor dining permit. My husband and I own Duckfat restaurant on Middle Street in Portland. Back in 2012 we had a permit approved for a removable enclosure to protect our two outdoor tables from the inclement weather and to extend our outdoor seating season. We are aware of the new timelines for the outdoor dining permit and have filed a new application requesting an extension through March 31, 2016 on the recommendation of Chuck Fagone, Code Enforcement Officer.

The snow removal responsibility for our section of Middle Street is the building owner, Joe Malone. We have worked with him very successfully over the past thee years keeping the sidewalk completely clean and clear immediately after snowfall. Also our 2 exterior tables do not extend past our awning coverage, keeping them free of snow. The area is always kept tidy, safe, attractive and professional.

We care greatly about our neighborhood and it's appearance and the exterior winter plans for Duckfat in no exception. The extension of our outdoor seating season has been a large help in maintaining business during the much slower, not so profitable months.

Please let me know if there is any additional information we can provide to help assist in your consideration for this extension.

Sincerely,

Nancy Pugh