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To the licensing officer:

I currently work at Urban Tiger as a dancer and I wish to express my support for their licence application.

I am 28 years of age and run a successful food importing business with 7 employees. I therefore do not have to work as a dancer, but I choose to as a hobby and an activity that I enjoy. I choose to work at Urban Tiger because it is an extremely friendly club with a great atmosphere. It's also a very well run establishment and I feel comfortable working there, and feel well protected by the staff and security.

The customers that visit the venue understand the rules and treat the dancers with respect. I have never seen any trouble in the club, and the customers are always very well behaved. This is in complete contrast to any other nightclub or bar that you may visit where you will find people who are drunk, rowdy, having sex or taking drugs in the toilets or other inappropriate behaviour. This just does not happen in Urban Tiger, where the customers on average are more mature and less drunk, and where the club does not tolerate any bad behaviour.

I believe that Urban Tiger is an asset to Northampton for many reasons. It provides a unique form of entertainment for adults. Increasingly we find women coming in as customers, and I often meet couples or even all women groups in the club. Everyone is made to feel welcome. Also, I believe Urban Tiger brings business from outside of Northampton, as I meet customers from all over the country. And it provides a great form of employment for the staff and for the dancers, at a time when jobs are not easy to come by.

In spite of objections by a noisy few, I hope that Urban Tiger is granted a licence, because there are many thousands of people who get a great deal of enjoyment from it, as well as those who rely on it for their income.

Yours sincerely,

Hannah Clarke

