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To the licensing officer,

I have been working at Urban Tiger as a dancer since it opened. It was the first club I have worked at. I have worked at other clubs but I prefer Urban Tiger because I feel safe there.

I regularly visit Urban Tiger as a customer when I am not working, either on my own or with friends, because it is the only club in Northampton where myself and my friends feel that we can have a drink without getting hassled by men, or being affected by other people fighting or drunken behaviour. Urban Tiger is the only club in town where you can get a table and sit down and have a drink in peace, without feeling vulnerable, or being hassled by other people.

My friends and family all know that I am a dancer, and I am proud to work at Urban Tiger because it is a beautiful well-run club. My mother is even keen to come and see me dance on the stage there. Dancing is not my main job, I do it because I enjoy it – I love performing on stage, and my nights at Urban Tiger for me are recreation. It's not just the money, it's actually fun work.

I would be really upset if Urban Tiger didn't get a licence and had to close down. I have been unable to dance recently as I was injured in a car accident, and being unable to dance has caused me to suffer depression – I enjoy it that much, and it is a release from my daily stresses.

Yours sincerely,

Michelle Baker