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Ms. Caroline J. Parlante
P.O. Box 502
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RE: Failing Septic System at the Bookstore Restaurant
50 Kendrick Avenue Map 50, Parcel 3

Dear Ms. Parlante:

I am writing to follow up on the outstanding sewage disposal flow issues at your establishment. As you have been informed previously, your current subsurface sewage disposal system is in failure, it is located within the zone I of your public water supply, and the total effluent from your establishment is not to exceed 3325 gallons per day. A seat count was done at your establishment yesterday at 4:20 pm at the request of the Board of Water Commissioners and the findings were as follows:

outside patio:	12 seats
1 st floor deck:	23 seats
2 nd floor deck:	33 seats
1 st floor bar:	22 seats
1 st floor dining area:	45 seats
2 nd floor dining area:	48 seats
bomb shelter:	26 seats + 14 seat bench
total:	223 seats

At approximately 5:20 pm on August 7, 2008, Andrew Petty and I went back to your establishment to further view your food service and service procedures. It was at that time that you clearly stated that many of the seats on display were not in service. Unfortunately around 9:00 pm that same evening the Board of Health Chairman and I went back to your establishment and viewed the seating and service procedures again, it was at this time that we witnessed most of the seats, inside and outside, upstairs and downstairs occupied with full food service operation. The ramifications of this are extremely severe. Your flow as we calculated it yesterday was 6405 gallons per day. This is 3080 gallons per day over your maximum flow allotment. Furthermore, the

concept of tavern seats can not be employed at your dining establishment except for the 40 seats in the bomb shelter based on the operations viewed yesterday. This being said you are hereby **ORDERED**, as owner of the property to:

- 1. Cease and desist from all operations at The Bookstore Restaurant in excess of the approved 3325 gallons per day (95 seats) limit by 12:00 pm on August 8, 2008.**

Your Failure to comply with this order will **now** result in enforcement action being taken as well as fines issued in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40 Section 21 D.

I truly hope that you see the seriousness in this matter as we have spent a great amount of time guiding you through the appropriate process to avoid any unnecessary violations and to ensure that your establishment was open throughout the summer. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

Hillary Greenberg

Richard Willecke

cc: Board of Health
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