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I am writing in support of Bill 3-24, Late Night Establishments – hours of operation, and urge the entire Council to vote in support of this bill.

This is a commonsense bill that will bring these unregulated, increasingly common establishments in alignment with similar regulated establishments. As a resident of Downtown Silver Spring I enjoy the variety of restaurants, bars, and other social opportunities that downtown offers. However, I want it to be both safe and have a perception of safety, and not be a significant drain on our public resources. There is no clear reason why these hookah establishments should not be regulated, and it seems most appropriate that not only should they be regulated, but their hours should align with those of restaurants and bars within the same community.

Thank you for considering this important bill, and I look forward to it being passed and implemented in a timely manner.

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