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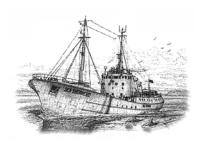
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Mike Yassine, President and CEO Yassine Enterprises, Inc. 213 West 4th Street, Suite 200 Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Mr. Yassine:

Sea Shepherd Conservation Society was surprised and extremely alarmed to learn of the dance floor shark exhibit featured at QUA Bottle Lounge. Even more surprising is the claim on your night club's website that this display is "designed to raise awareness of global environmental concerns and marine wildlife preservation."

Sea Shepherd simply cannot understand how the removal of sharks from their natural environment, followed by their confinement in a concrete tank enclosed on the surface by 3-inch acrylic panes and surrounded by music, vibrations, artificial lighting, and people consuming alcoholic beverages could possibly be construed as educational or designed to raise awareness about the ecological importance or plight of sharks.

As apex predators who have inhabited our oceans for over 400 million years, sharks are a vital part of the global ecosystem and are deserving of far more respect than to be imprisoned and treated as a novelty beneath a night club dance floor. Sharks are being depleted worldwide by illegal long-lining and shark finning operations; the death rates far exceed their reproductive capabilities. The environmental ramifications of this impending extinction are quite serious and a sad legacy to pass on to our children.

Sea Shepherd objects to the confinement of these sharks. If you truly care about the survival of sharks and the health of marine ecosystems, you will agree that sharks belong in the oceans, in which they play a fundamental role. As such, we respectfully request that you release these animals into their natural habitat and refrain from continuing to subject them to the stress of this unnatural captive environment.

If you would be willing to publicly announce that you will be releasing the sharks because of the escalating diminishment of their numbers in the wild, we believe it would give your establishment international publicity as a company that is genuinely sensitive to and concerned for the conservation of our marine environment. Should you agree, Sea Shepherd would be happy to help facilitate this release and to spread the word about QUA's true commitment to marine wildlife conservation.

Sincerely,

Kim McCoy Executive Director Captain Paul Watson Founder and President