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## 42 Food and Beverage Businesses at Palisades Center Penalized Unfairly as Part of the Phase Three Re-Opening of New York State

-- Despite being fully prepared to follow Phase Three guidance from New York State, nearly 45 food and dining businesses at Palisades Center continue to be treated unfairly unlike other restaurants allowed to re-open next week --

**West Nyack, NY –** More than 40 food and beverage businesses at Palisades Center, representing over 600 employees at the center, are demanding fairness and quick action from New York State in allowing them to re-open immediately alongside all restaurants as part of the Phase Three re-opening.

Despite carefully following the phased approach outlined by the State on May 4<sup>th</sup> and investing significantly in new safety and social distancing protocols, in addition to meeting all local and national health and safety metrics, these businesses and their employees are in serious jeopardy at a critical juncture in our State's recovery.

"At Palisades Center, restaurants represent many businesses and employees who are residents within our community. Our staff of five employees along with our entire management team must get back to work in order to provide for themselves and their families," said Jill Feldman Owner of Häagen-Dazs Ice Cream Shoppe. "We shouldn't be penalized and not allowed to open simply because we don't have an external entrance."

"Everyone at Blu Alehouse is eager to get back to work and looking forward to welcoming our customers back safety," said Anastasia Gianopoulos, Owner of Blu Alehouse. "An opening date is critical to help us solidify our reopening timeline."

The following Palisades Center food and beverage businesses stand ready to reopen following State guidance:

- 1. Auntie Anne's
- 2. Beef Jerky Outlet
- 3. Ben & Jerry's
- 4. Blu Alehouse
- 5. Buffalo Wild Wings
- 6. Burger King
- 7. Caribbean Quizine
- 8. Charley's Grilled Subs
- 9. Chili's
- **10. Chipotle Mexican Grill**
- 11.Cinnabon
- **12.Cold Stone Creamery**
- 13.Dave & Buster's
- 14.DAVIDsTEA

15. Dough Life **16. Dunkin' Donuts 17. East Japanese Restaurant 18. Häagen-Dazs** 19. iHop **20. Johnny Rockets** 21. Kentucky Fried Chicken 22. Kung Fu Tea 23. Little Buddha 24. Little Tokyo 25. Mike's Burgers 26.Mr. Smoothie 27. Nathan's Famous 28. Outback Steakhouse 29. Oyishi Japan **30.** Popeves **31. Pretzel Maker** 32.Saladworks 33.Sbarro 34. Shah's Halal Food 35.Starbucks 36.Subway 37. Taco Bell 38. Texas de Brazil **39.TGI Fridays** 40. Wendy's 41. Wetzel's Pretzels 42.Yogen Fruz

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