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## Klein & Benedetto to SLA: Take Action Against the Vapor Lounge

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*Legislators demand State Liquor Authority suspend license of troublesome bar where a violent stabbing occurred*

**Bronx, NY – Senator Jeff Klein (D-Bronx/Westchester) and Assemblyman Michael Benedetto (D-Bronx)** demanded the New York State Liquor Authority investigate and suspend the liquor license of Vapor Lounge following a violent stabbing and lewd incident in a letter to the authority.

The lounge, located at 3758 East Tremont Avenue, has become a nuisance in the neighborhood and sparked outrage when social media posts showed a woman dancing in her underwear at a bachelor party hosted there on Super Bowl Sunday. More recently, three men were caught on video beating and stabbing a man inside the bar on March 7.

“The most recent incident at Vapor Lounge, demands the need for consistent monitoring and enforcement at this location. We respectfully request your agency take all measures to restrict their operation and suspend their license upon a formal investigation. This coordinated action by your office would be a positive development for the Throggs Neck community and deeply appreciated by our offices,” **Klein and Benedetto wrote to the SLA.**

In addition to the incidents that have occurred in the last two months the establishment was also fined \$10,000 in 2016 for employing unlicensed security and assaults.