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**TRAVELERS UNITED SUES D.C. RESTAURANT FOR ILLEGAL RESTAURANT FEES**

Washington, D.C. – Travelers United is suing Clyde’s Restaurant Group for unfair and deceptive advertising in violation of the District of Columbia’s Consumer Protection Procedures Act (CPPA).

This lawsuit was brought after two members of Travelers United dined at Old Ebbitt Grill in Washington, D.C. Old Ebbitt Grill has a 3.75% “2023 Surcharge” in violation of District law.

Restaurant fees have exploded at restaurants across America over the past year. These fees violate consumer protection laws meant to ensure consumers are advertised the true cost of an item. When restaurants present one price on the menu but then actually charge guests a certain percentage more with line item on the final bill, that is deceptive advertising in violation of the law.

“Travelers United is proud to stand up against deceptive junk fees that are making life difficult for hardworking Americans. People should be able to price compare restaurant menus before they decide where to eat. Hidden, deceptive restaurant fees make comparison shopping impossible. Restaurant junk fees destroy the free market” said Lauren Wolfe, Counsel at Travelers United.

Travelers United further contends that all eight of Clyde’s Restaurant Group restaurants in the District that charge this 3.75% “2023 Surcharge” fee are violating the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration’s (ABRA) licensing requirements for District establishments that serve alcohol. ABRA requires that any advertisements displayed to the public not contain false or misleading statements. Advertising one price and charging another is unfair and deceptive.

The mission of Travelers United is to identify and promote ways to improve and enhance travel for consumers across all modes of travel. Travelers United ([travelersunited.org](http://travelersunited.org)) is a nonprofit tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization.