

Testimony offered on behalf of: THE GARRETT COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

IN SUPPORT OF:

HB 786 - Garrett County - Alcoholic Beverages Act of 2020

Economic Matters Committee February 17, 2020

On behalf of the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce, representing 600 member organizations in Western Maryland, I write to express our support of <u>HB 786 – Garrett County – Alcoholic Beverages Act of 2020</u>.

Last year, the General Assembly gave Maryland counties the authority to issue distillery licenses. The Garrett County Liquor Control Board has requested HB 786 to create that license and establish the fee for it. This way the distillery license will follow the same procedure as all other permits and licenses issued by the Garrett County Liquor Control Board. The Chamber supports the consistency and transparency of HB 786.

The Chamber respectfully requests a **FAVORABLE committee report on HB 786**.

Sincerely,

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