



# City of Havre de Grace

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The Honorable C.T. Wilson  
Chair, Economic Matters Committee  
Room 231  
House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**RE: FAVORABLE - HB 520 – Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages - Stadium License Annual Fee**

Chairman Wilson and the honorable members of the Economic Matters Committee:

The City of Havre de Grace supports House Bill 520. HB 520 would reduce the annual fee for a stadium beer, wine, and liquor license in Harford County from \$10,000 to \$4,000.

Harford County's stadium licenses fee is disproportionate compared to similar licenses types in other jurisdictions across the State of Maryland.

Currently, Ripken Stadium is the only recipient of a stadium license in Harford County. Ripken Stadium, located in the nearby City of Aberdeen, is a major employer and economic generator for the entire County, especially the surrounding communities.

The reduction proposed in HB 520 for stadium licenses in Harford County would have a positive ripple effect for the entire area, leading to positive economic development.

The City of Havre de Grace respectfully requests the committee give HB 520 a favorable report.