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Dear Mr. Chair and Members of the Economic Matters Committee,

I am writing to request your consideration and support of HB460 (Baltimore County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Transfers), as amended.

This bill allows licensees in oversaturated areas in Baltimore County to sell their licenses to businesses in other districts, with a limit of two license transfers per district and no transfers into oversaturated areas.

This committee passed a similar legislation in 2012 which sunsetted in 2017. This bill is in the same posture as the previous legislation and has the same restrictions. In addition, this bill requires consideration of community impact when approving transfers.

I introduced HB 460 because it is very important to small businesses like Friendly Farms restaurant in D42B, which has been in business for more than 50 years but does not have a liquor license and cannot get one based on the population formula.

The Baltimore County Delegation Liquor subcommittee gave a favorable report on this bill on Friday but it has not had a full committee vote.

Thank you for your consideration of HB 460, to provide relief to licensees in oversaturated areas who want to sell and to support small businesses in Baltimore like Friendly Farms who cannot obtain a license that will help them sustain and grow their businesses over the long term.

Thank you,

Delegate Michele Guyton D42B

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Delegate Michele Guyton".