



DATE: February 20, 2023

TO: The Honorable C.T. Wilson
Members, Economic Matters Committee

FROM: Maryland State Licensed Beverage Association
Maryland Beer Wholesalers Association

RE: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT
House Bill 1058-Alcoholic Beverages-Class B-HTF License
House Bill 1059-Alcoholic Beverages-Performing Arts Theater License

On behalf of the Maryland State Licensed Beverage Association and the Maryland Beer Wholesalers Association, we are writing to support House Bills 1058 and 1059, but with the same amendment on both bills.

Both bills contain a provision allowing the license holder to “purchase beer and wine from a retail license holder or an authorized and licensed wholesaler or manufacturer.” Under our longstanding regulatory structure, retailers purchase alcoholic beverages from a wholesaler. We would request that these bills be amended to similarly require that both of these license types be required to purchase their alcoholic beverages from a wholesaler, and not from other retailers or manufacturers.

Thank you for your attention to our concerns.