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Delegate Steve Johnson 215 Lowe House Office Building 6 Bladen Street Annapolis, Md.21401

RE: HB1058: Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class B-HTF

Dear Delegate Johnson,

On behalf of the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce, an organization that promotes and supports economic growth and development in Aberdeen, we are extending our support of House Bill 1058.

The City of Aberdeen welcomed the Route 22 Hatchet House to its city in 202. The Route 22 Hatchet House is a veteran-owned small business that made a capital investment in Aberdeen of over \$275,000. Since opening the facility, they have contributed to the economic growth and tourism of the City.

It is the goal of the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce to sustain small businesses and help them expand. The owner of the Route 22 Hatchet House has explained the importance of HB1058 to the ultimate growth of the business.

The Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce supports House Bill 1058, which would establish a Class B- HTF (hatchet throwing facility) beer and wine license in Harford County. This bill would serve to grow small businesses in Harford County and provide the opportunity that businesses of the same magnitude have in other jurisdictions. For these reasons, we respectfully seek a favorable outcome of HB1058.

Sincerely,

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