

Route 22 Hatchet House Blackstone Plaza 3720 Churchville Rd Unit F Aberdeen, MD 21001

February 21, 2023
The Honorable Melony Griffith
Miller Senate Office Building, 3 East Wing
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

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

Dear Chair Griffith:

As the Route 22 Hatchet House owner and sole proprietor I am extending my full support of House Bill 1058.

Route 22 Hatchet House opened in 2022 and is the City of Aberdeen's first hatchet throwing facility. The Route 22 Hatchet House is a veteran-owned small business that made a capital investment within the City of Aberdeen of \$275,000. Since opening the facility, I have contributed to the economic growth and tourism of the City and plan on increasing that growth by giving returning and new patrons an option to purchase beer and wine. The support of House Bill 1058 would afford me the opportunity to better serve my customers as most request to purchase a beer and or wine during their one-hour session with family, friends, and co-workers etc.

As a small business it is vital to my growth that I adapt and accommodate my customers' needs. As the owner of the Route 22 Hatchet House this brief testimony explains the importance of HB1058 to the ultimate growth of my business.

Route 22 Hatchet House 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, I respectfully seek a favorable outcome of HB1058.

Respectfully,

Michael Lee Jerscheid

Owner, Route 22 Hatchet House