



Aberdeen Economic Development Commission
60 N Parke Street
Aberdeen, Maryland

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:

On behalf of the City of Aberdeen's Economic Development Commission, a volunteer board charged with supporting and promoting the economic growth and well-being of the City, we are extending our full support of House Bill 1058.

The City of Aberdeen gained its first hatchet throwing facility in 2022 with the opening of the Route 22 Hatchet House. 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, they have contributed to the economic growth and tourism of the City.

It is the goal of the Aberdeen Economic Development Commission 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 Economic Development Commission 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.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Horne', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Steve Horne

Chairman

Aberdeen Economic Development Commission