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Baltimore, MD 21201

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Dear Maryland General Assembly,

I am writing to express our enthusiastic support for SB904 and HB1089, which pertain to the issuance of Class B beer, wine, and liquor licenses for restaurants within the Downtown Management District.

As the Vice President of Economic Development at the Downtown Partnership of Baltimore, I believe that the relief of required capital investment and seating number these bills provide will significantly boost vibrancy and economic growth of our district.

Of particular importance to us is the requirement for participating restaurants to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Downtown Partnership of Baltimore. This provision underscores the collaborative nature of our efforts to enhance the downtown experience and fosters a mutually beneficial relationship between local businesses and our organization.

We believe that the passage of SB904 and HB1089 will not only benefit individual establishments but will also have positive ripple effects throughout the Downtown Management District. By providing additional opportunities for restaurants to thrive, we can attract more visitors, stimulate economic activity, and create a more dynamic and inclusive downtown environment. In conclusion, we urge you to support SB904 and HB1089 and to advocate for their swift passage. These bills represent a proactive step towards bolstering our local economy and enhancing the overall quality of life for residents and visitors alike. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and please do not hesitate to reach out if you require any further information or assistance.

Sincerely,

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