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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
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Vote Yes for SB 1079

Bill Title: Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - License Extensions

Committee: Finance

Hearing Date: February 23, 2024

Dear Chair, and members of the committee,

I am writing to request a favorable vote for **SB 1079**, this bill aims to extend the expiration dates of certain alcoholic beverage licenses in Baltimore City until July 1, 2025, facilitating ownership transfers and renewals under specific circumstances.

The extension of the license expiration date provides stability to businesses operating in the Hamilton and Care Community. It allows for smoother ownership transitions and renewal processes, reducing the risk of business disruptions and promoting economic stability in the neighborhood.

In particular, **SB 1079** is crucial for the Hamilton Community, the C.A.R.E. Community and surrounding communities. By requiring applicants to enter into memorandums of understanding with the Hamilton Community Association and the C.A.R.E. Community Associations, the bill ensures community involvement in licensing matters. Again, this bill promotes economic stability and help preserves local businesses.

I ask for a favorable vote for **SB 1079** for the benefit of the Hamilton and C.A.R.E. Communities, Baltimore City and its residents.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cory V. McCray".

Cory V. McCray
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