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**Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 22 Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - Board of License Commissioners**

Honorable Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

Senate Bill 22, with the proposed amendment, will mandate the governor to appoint members of the Baltimore City Liquor Board, replacing the Mayor and City Council President in this responsibility. Furthermore, the bill extends eligibility to individuals who have accrued at least 5 years of service as employees within the Baltimore City government to serve on the board.

This Bill represents a crucial opportunity to improve the governance and efficacy of the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City. By streamlining the appointment process and allowing qualified individuals with experience in city government to participate on the Baltimore City liquor board, we can enhance its functionality.

I urge a favorable report on Senate Bill 22.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Antonio L. Hayes".

Senator Antonio L. Hayes  
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