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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
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Vote Yes to SB 284

**Bill Title: Baltimore City – Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - Hours of Operation
Violations - Civil Penalties
Committee: Economic Matters**

Hearing Date: March 26, 2025

Dear Chair Wilson, Vice Chair Crosby, and Esteemed Members of the Economic Matters Committee,

I am writing to request your favorable vote on SB 284, a measure to combat the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages outside specified hours of operation through steep fines. For a first offense, business owners would face a fine no less than \$1,000 or the suspension of their alcoholic license. Further offenses would result in a fine between \$2,000 and \$20,000, with a continued possibility of suspension of the license.

SB 284 protects vulnerable communities by holding alcohol vendors accountable, ensuring that license holders conduct their business in a manner that provides the least disruption to their community. Research shows that alcoholic vendors who conduct business beyond their stated hours of operation create quantifiable harm to their communities in the form of increased cases of loitering, alcohol use, and increased frequency of violent incidents.

I urge you to vote favorably for Senate Bill 284. By doing so, you will reduce harms to our most vulnerable communities and hold alcohol license vendors accountable.

Continued Blessings,

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

Cory V. McCray
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