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March 26, 2025

The Honorable Pamela Beidle
Chair, Finance Committee

Re: Letter of Support for House Bill 476 – St. Mary's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class A License Quota

Dear Chair Beidle:

As the Senator representing St. Mary's County, I am writing to state my support for House Bill 476 – St. Mary's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class A License Quota.

I respectfully request a favorable report on House Bill 476. Thank you for your consideration of this local St. Mary's County bill. Please contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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Senator Jack Bailey
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HB 476 - St. Mary's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class A License Quota

SUPPORT

March 21, 2025

The Honorable Pamela Beidle, Chairman
Finance Committee
3 East Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: HB 476 - St. Mary's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class A License Quota

Dear Chairman Beidle:

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County **SUPPORT House Bill 476 - St. Mary's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class A License Quota** which is being heard in the Finance Committee.

We request a favorable report on House Bill 476. We support the introduction of this legislation and believe it would benefit the citizens of St. Mary's County. Thank you for your consideration as well as your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY


James Randy Guy, President

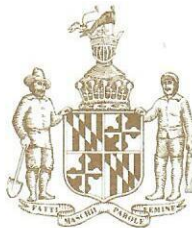
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THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401
ST. MARY'S COUNTY DELEGATION

March 20, 2025

The Honorable Pamela Beidle, Chair
Senate Finance Committee
E East, Miller Senate Office Building
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: HB-476 St. Mary's County - Alcoholic Beverage Class A License Quota

Dear Chair Beidle:

The St. Mary's County Delegation supports HB-476 St. Mary's County - Alcoholic Beverage Class A License Quota with a three (3) Yea votes and one (1) absent member.

The purpose of the bill is to alter the quota for the number of Class A alcoholic beverages license that may be issued in St. Mary's County in the 8th election district due to a saturation of these businesses in the area.

We ask for the committee's consideration of this bill and a FAVORABLE report.

Sincerely,

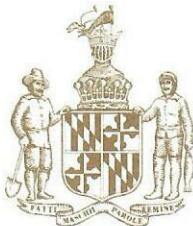
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Todd B. Morgan
Chair, St. Mary's County Delegation

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THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES
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Testimony in Support of HB476 – St. Mary's County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class A License
Quota

March 20, 2025

Good Afternoon Chair Beidle and the Senate Finance Committee:

I am here today to present House Bill 476. The purpose of this bill is to alter the quota for Class A alcoholic beverage licenses that may be issued in the 8th Election District of St. Mary's County, an area which is becoming oversaturated by liquor stores.

St. Mary's County has 9 Election Districts varying in size and population and the 8th Election District – the Bay District - is the most populated with 41,441 people in 49.6 square miles. Compared to Election District 4 - the Chaptico District - with 10,610 people in 50.7 square miles, the Bay District is densely populated. Much of this population is concentrated within a 3-mile radius.

Currently, the quota for these licenses is based on population density and allows for a liquor store for every 1,350 people in the district. While the original number may provide an appropriate means to properly disperse these stores in rural areas, it is just simply not appropriate for the population boom in small areas of St. Mary's.

The bill was requested by the Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County and is supported by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and the Delegation. I respectfully request the Committee's favorable report on House Bill 476.