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February 18, 2026

The Honorable Pamela Beidle, Chair
Senate Finance Committee
2 West Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

REF: **Letter of Support for SB 897 with Amendment** – Cecil County–Alcoholic Beverages–Alteration of License Quota

Dear Chair Beidle and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of Cecil County Government, we write to express our **support with amendment** Senate Bill 897. The bill provides a focused and practical update to Cecil County’s alcoholic beverage licensing framework by modifying how the quota for Class A licenses is calculated. As amended, the bill adjusts the ratio to one Class A license for every 2,000 registered voters and clarifies that the quota applies only to Class A licenses, rather than aggregating multiple license classes into a single calculation. The amendment further ensures that the Board of License Commissioners may issue not fewer than two Class A licenses in each election district, preserving equitable access and flexibility across the county.

This legislation represents a measured modernization of an existing statutory framework. By narrowing the quota calculation to Class A licenses and establishing a clear minimum license threshold per district, the bill improves clarity and administrative consistency for the Cecil County Board of License Commissioners. The updated ratio better reflects present-day voter registration levels and community growth while maintaining a structured and predictable licensing system.

From an economic perspective, a clear and predictable licensing framework supports local commerce and long-term business planning. Retail establishments operating under Class A licenses contribute to the county’s economic activity and tax base. Senate Bill 897, as amended, refines the quota methodology to support orderly economic development while maintaining appropriate regulatory safeguards.

For these reasons, **favorable** consideration of Senate Bill 897, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,

Adam Streight
County Executive

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Delegate Melissa Wells, Chair
Government, Labor & Elections Committee
145 Lowe House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Chair Wells and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Cecil County Board of License Commissioners, we respectfully submit this letter in support with amendment of HB 664.

HB 664 provides a focused and practical update to Cecil County's alcoholic beverage licensing framework by modifying how the quota for Class A licenses is calculated. As amended, the bill adjusts the ratio to one Class A license for every 2,000 registered voters and clarifies that the quota applies solely to Class A licenses rather than aggregating multiple license classes into a single calculation. The amendment further ensures that the Board may issue not fewer than two Class A licenses in each election district, preserving equitable access and operational flexibility throughout the county.

From an administrative standpoint, this legislation represents a measured modernization of the existing statutory framework. By narrowing the quota calculation specifically to Class A licenses and establishing a clear minimum threshold per district, HB 664 enhances clarity, consistency, and predictability in the licensing process. This refinement allows the Board to administer the law more effectively while maintaining appropriate regulatory oversight.

From an economic perspective, a transparent and predictable quota structure supports responsible business growth. Retail establishments operating under Class A licenses contribute meaningfully to Cecil County's commercial vitality and tax base. The amended bill refines the methodology in a way that reflects current voter registration levels and community growth while preserving the structured controls that safeguard public interest.

For these reasons, the Cecil County Board of License Commissioners respectfully requests a favorable report on HB 664, as amended.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Earl R. Bradford".

Earl Bradford
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Senator Pamela Beidle
Senate Finance Committee
2 West Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Chair Beidle and Members of the Committee,

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Earl Bradford
Cecil County Board of License Commissioners

SB897 Amendment

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AMENDMENT REQUEST FORM

Date Submitted

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Bill No. Bill Title

Amendment Sponsor

Hearing Date

Name(s) and contact information of individual(s) the drafter is authorized to contact

To Be Offered

Description and Comments

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The Senate of Maryland

ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401
CECIL COUNTY DELEGATION

February 12, 2026

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

Re: Senate Bill 897 – Cecil County – Alcoholic Beverages – Alternation of License Quota

Dear Chairwoman Beidle and Members of the Committee,

The Cecil County Delegation unanimously supports Senate Bill 897 as amended. I thank you for the Committee's consideration of the bill and request a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Senator Stephen S. Hershey, Jr., written in a cursive style.

Senator Stephen S. Hershey, Jr.

A blue ink signature of Senator Jason Gallion, written in a cursive style.

Senator Jason Gallion