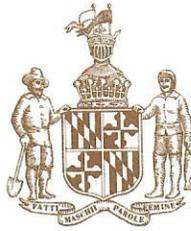


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**RE: FAVORABLE PASSAGE - HOUSE BILL 168 - ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -
CLASS B-D-7 LICENSE**

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair, and members of the Economic Matters Committee. Thank you for allowing me to present testimony in support of House Bill 168 on behalf of the delegates in district 41. This bill clarifies the hours of sale for any Class B-D-7 license located in the area bounded by Liberty Heights Avenue, Northern Parkway, Druid Park Drive, and Wabash Avenue to begin at 9am and end at 9pm. The current hours are 9am until 10pm.

This bill has a sorted history. In 2017 the hours were restricted from 9am until 9pm thanks to HB 1136 but in 2018, legislation was sponsored through HB 22 which extended the time by one hour to 10pm. The legislative members of district 41 were notified of problems that have occurred in the business district within the bounded area prior to the 2020 legislative session. Members of the community explained that they were neither notified or in support of an extension of hours because of the high volume of violence, loitering, and quality-of-life issues that occur. There are letters from the community association, northwestern district police community relations council, and councilman for the district all in support of the hours being restricted from 9am to 9pm.

The 41st district delegation supports the community in requesting the hours for sale of alcoholic beverages be restricted in this area to match the restricted hours established when the legislation was first introduced in 2017 and we have the full support of the Baltimore City Delegation. We request a favorable report from this committee as well.

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