

Dear Delegates,

As a community leader and a resident of district 44A, I urge you to vote FOR HB509

This bill will help improve Baltimore City residents' ability to address persistently problematic alcohol outlets that threaten the health, safety and quality of life of area residents.

I live in Western District that has many liquor outlets, the type of outlets (liquor stores and BD-7s) that a recent Hopkins study found has the most association to violence. Several of them have had deaths or serious injuries that occurred on or adjacent to the business. Residents feel the Liquor Board should have the power to immediately suspend the license in these cases.

As a citizen, city resident and community leader, I have dedicated thousands of hours to serving on boards, commissions, leadership teams trying to address the ongoing violence in a city I have called home for all my life and a city I care deeply about.

I know you probably feel the same way and that's why I'm here today pleading to you and asking you to support HB509 (Baltimore City-Alcoholic Beverage licenses for Suspension) that has the potential to help address the city's ongoing violence reduction strategy.

In recognition that alcohol plays a role in nearly half of all homicides, according to the CDC, I ask you to support this bill to help Baltimore City residents and city leaders more efficiently address problem liquor outlets that contribute to violence in our city.

I respectfully urge you to vote FOR HB509; this bill will help create a healthier and safer Baltimore.

Please vote FOR HB509

Sincerely,

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