

Witness Testimony Concerning HB 0954  
Baltimore City-45<sup>th</sup> District-Alcoholic Beverages-Exchange of Class B License  
February 17, 2020

Position: Support

For the past 10 years, my family and I have been operating and upholding to the standards of the historical Mount Vernon Association to conduct and own a business in this community. I am here today to request the approval for the exchange of the class "B" beer, wine, and liquor license to a class "LBD7" stated in House Bill 0954. This will not unduly disturb the neighborhood and would not pose a hazard to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents in the area. With the help of our customers, we have maintained a safe and environmentally friendly atmosphere for the past 10 years and would like to continue to do so for the years to come. I have before you today over 400 signatures from residents, voters, property owners, students, all of whom are customers of Aloha Tokyo and have been for many years.

According to the by-laws stated by the Mount Vernon Belvedere Improvement Association, "to promote the common good and general welfare of the people of such a community and its desirable growth and revitalization, consistent with the preservation of its distinctive character and past." This is a purpose we are also aiming to achieve. The exchange of a class "B" license to a "LBD7" will not only promote the common good to the community and its members but is a desirable growth that can be achieved with the approval of House Bill 0954.