

February 17, 2020

The Honorable Dereck E. Davis  
Economic Matters Committee  
231 House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD. 21401

**Re: HB1286- Baltimore City- Alcohol Beverages-Licensed Premises- Extended Hours**

**FAVORABLE**

Dear Chairman Davis:

This letter is written on behalf of the Atlas Restaurant Group regarding our support of House Bill 1286. Headquartered in Baltimore's Harbor East, the Atlas Restaurant Group currently owns and operates several of the city's top restaurants.

We support HB1286 as it would allow for certain establishments in Downtown Baltimore to continue operations for an additional two hours; by extending closing hours from 2:00 am to 4:00 am. Baltimore City is the economic engine for the state of Maryland, and Baltimore needs to have additional tools in its toolbox to continue to attract significant conventions and to grow tourism.

HB1286 will not only increase tourism but will also result in increased sales for the establishments, add additional tax dollars to the city and state coffers. Employees will also benefit from the passage of HB1286 as their ability to earn more during these extended hours will not only add to our local economy but will allow them to boost their take home pay that will benefit their families.

If passed, this bill will not only benefit tourism in our city but will provide additional tax revenues for Maryland and Baltimore and will increase the ability of employees to make extra income. To support their families.

For these reasons, we ask for a favorable report on HB1286.

  
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