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**HB 1286- Baltimore City-Alcohol Beverage-Licensed Premises-Extended Hours**

Economic Matters Committee

**Position: Favorable**

Chairman and members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing me to appear before the committee today to testify in support of HB1286.

House Bill 1286 seeks to allow certain establishments in Baltimore that meet certain requirements, and within certain boundaries, be allowed to continue all operations with extended hours. In essence, HB1286 will allow visitors to, and residents of, Baltimore to enjoy restaurants and entertainment for an additional couple of hours.

In addition, HB1286 also aims to promote tourism in Baltimore, which is a major economic engine for the State. However, it is no secret that in order to attract events such as this, a vibrant night life is required. With these extended hours of operation, Baltimore will work towards attracting events, such as conventions, which translates into additional tax dollars.

As stated in the fiscal note, Baltimore City could see an increase of \$3,000 per establishment annually that takes advantage of this bill's provisions, it has minimal small business effect, and enforcement could be handled within the current infrastructure.

It is with this that I ask for a favorable report of HB1286, and I pass the discussion onto the members of my panel.