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House Alcohol Subcommittee  
Delegate Talmadge Branch, Chair  
House Office Building, Room 231'6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Subcommittee Chair Branch,

On behalf of the seven-hundred businesses and organizations that comprise the Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce, we write in support of House Bill 1319, establishing a Board of License Commissioners for the City of Salisbury Maryland. As the second most populous City in Maryland and in consideration of the efficiency with which so many other City services operate to serve the greater business community, it is long overdue to establish a City Licensing Board to govern alcohol licenses. This Board of License Commissioners will effectively serve the growing hospitality sector in the City and have no negative impact on any business outside of the City.

The reputation of Salisbury as the "Capital of the Eastern Shore" is born out of the business friendly climate that is the norm for this City. The allowance for the City to manage alcohol licensing furthers this business friendly atmosphere while serving City businesses in an effective and streamlined manner. The Salisbury Area Chamber urges passage of House Bill 1319.

Sincerely,

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