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Testimony in Favor of SB163
Anne Arundel County - Alcoholic Beverages - Board Meetings

Chairman Pinsky, Vice-Chair Kagan, and members of the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee,

I respectfully request a favorable report of Senate Bill 163. This bill would require the Anne Arundel County Board of Alcohol Commissioners to: publish their meeting agenda online no later than a week before meeting; live stream each meeting; and publish meeting minutes no later than a month after the meeting. As amended, the bill would also require the board to keep the meeting minutes for at least 7 years, and keep the video footage for at least 3 years.

Without a doubt, every form of government operates best when there is additional transparency and accountability. This bill would seek to implement this crucial transparency and restore public trust in Anne Arundel County's Alcohol Board.

This bill is supported by the House and Senate Delegations, and I once again respectfully request a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sa Ell", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sarah Elfreth