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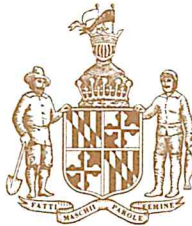
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Testimony in Favor of SB503

City of Annapolis - Alcoholic Beverages License - Club Public Event Permit

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

I respectfully request a favorable report of Senate Bill 503. This bill would create a "Club Public Event Permit" in State Code to be issued to Class C – Club License holders in the City and enable the Annapolis Alcohol Board to approve up to 12 public events per year.

Class C – Club License holders in the City are currently eligible to hold four non-member sponsored events per year, after approval by the Board; however, over the past year, I have heard from constituents that this limitation inhibits Class C license holders from garnering potential revenue to support their historic clubs. Additionally, we have heard that it limits the clubs from being able to serve as much needed gathering and event space for the communities that support and utilize their facilities.

This legislation simply enables the Board to approve up to twelve public events per year, rather than the four events currently in City Code. A key component of this bill reads that the Board has the complete discretion to approve the additional permits moving forward. This does not require the Board to approve any additional public events, it simply gives the Board the authority to do so, if they wish.

This legislation is supported by the Annapolis Alcohol Board and the City of Annapolis as well as the House and Senate Anne Arundel County Delegations. Once again I respectfully request a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sarah Elfreth".

Sarah Elfreth