



Bill #	SB839
Position	SUPPORT

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Dear Mr. Chair, Madam Vice Chair and Members of the Senate Education, Health & Environmental Affairs Committee—

The Maryland Distillers Guild supports SB839, which makes the law for the Off-Site Permit consistent for distilleries, wineries and breweries by combining three permits into a single Manufacturer's Off-Site Permit.

A number of our distillers are obtaining winery or brewery licenses, each of which require their own respective Off-Site Permits. Each permit has slightly different rules, creating confusion by our members and the state inspectors who enforce the law. The creation of single Off-Site Permit for each manufacturer's license creates uniformity and efficiency of enforcement. Quite frankly, there is no policy reason why the privileges and limitations of the Off-Site Permits obtained by each type of manufacturer should be different.

We thank this committee for its ongoing support and ask for your support for SB839.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in brown ink, appearing to read "Jaime Windon", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

Jaime Windon, owner, Lyon Distilling
President, Maryland Distillers Guild