



SB839 - SUPPORT

February 28, 2020

Education, Health & Environmental Affairs Committee
11 Bladen St.
Annapolis, MD 21401

Mr. Chair, Madam Vice Chair and Members of the Committee,

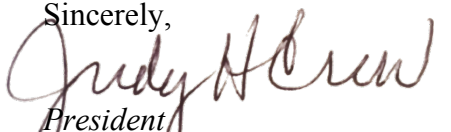
On behalf of the Maryland Wineries Association, I urge your support of SB839. In addition to technical fixes to support the breweries, this bill creates a uniform Manufacturer's Off-Site Permit, bringing parity and uniformity for manufacturers who attend events away from their location.

The Off-Site Permits have evolved differently for wineries, breweries and distilleries over the years. With our members increasingly obtaining brewery and distillery licenses, having two of the same permit—each with different limits and allowances—has become confusing and difficult to navigate.

Our member wineries support this effort to develop a single Manufacturer's Off-Site Permit and look forward to taking advantage of the benefits it brings, most specifically related to their participation at wine festivals throughout the state.

We urge your support for SB839.

Sincerely,



Judy H. Crew
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Maryland Wineries Association