



February 27, 2020

**Testimony on SB 935 –  
Alcoholic Beverages-West North Avenue Corridor-Restrictions  
Senate Educational, Health, Environment, Affairs Committee**

**Position: Favorable**

No Boundaries Coalition supports SB 935.

The result of the operation of liquor stores during undesirable hours has had a negative affect on our communities. Baltimore is in dire need of changes that will make our city a safe place to live. We know that change will not be easy or happen overnight, but this legislation will be one of the first tools that will improve West Baltimore’s current environment.

The No Boundaries Coalition (the “Coalition”) is a resident-led advocacy organization building a unified and empowered Central West Baltimore (CWB) across the boundaries of race, class and neighborhoods. The No Boundaries Coalition is the largest grassroots organization in West Baltimore, with over 200 individual members. The Coalition mobilizes residents from seven different neighborhoods in 21217 to address racial and economic inequality in Baltimore City and improve the quality of life for Central West Baltimore residents. Currently, the Coalition is advocating for increased police accountability, safer streets, more opportunities for young people, increased voter turnout and more healthy foods in our neighborhoods.

The Alcoholic Beverages- West North Avenue Corridor-Restrictions will help West Baltimore return to the vibrant, safe, livable community that it once was. We need our legislators to take the first step in our journey.

We encourage a favorable report.

In the service of the community,

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