



# SB11 - SUPPORT W/ AMENDMENT

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Education, Health & Environmental Affairs Committee  
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Annapolis, MD 21401

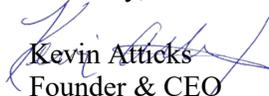
Mr. Chair, Madam Vice Chair and Members of the Committee—

The Maryland Wineries Association in support of Senate Bill 11 and would like to offer the attached amendment.

The MWA would like to thank Senator Ellis for introducing this legislation. The MWA believes that amending the bill to include “fruit producing vines” would allow grapes and other fruit to be included. As the Committee knows, both homeowners and commercial growers use fruit producing vines to make wine. The production of wine on Maryland agricultural land can be a profitable “value-added product” which allows land to remain in active agricultural use.

The attached amendment is well within the sponsor’s intent. The MWA respectfully asks the committee to give a **Favorable report to SB 11 with the attached amendment.**

Sincerely,

  
Kevin Atticks  
Founder & CEO





BY: Maryland Wineries Association

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 11  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On Page 1, in line 2 strike “and”; in line 3 after “TREES” add “and Fruit Producing Vines”; in line 5 strike “and”; after “trees” insert “and fruit producing vines”; on Page 2, in line 1 after “TREES” insert “FRUIT PRODUCING VINES