Superior Management Inc.

T/A Rip's

3809 N Crain Hwy Bowie, Maryland 20716

Oppose HB 996-Class A Licenses-Retail Grocery Establishments

My name is Marshele Burgess. I am the owner/operator of Rip's located in Prince George's county. We are a family owned business since 1952 in Bowie, MD. Currently, we are a female run business. We employ around a 100 employees. Some of our employees have been with us for more than 20 years. Our employees have health benefits and a pension plan.

We have two grocery stores within ½ miles of our store. We are a community oriented business. We support the local schools, ball teams, hospitals and other local fundraising. We support Maryland craft beers(Elder Pine, Crooked Crab, Joyhound, etc.) Maryland wines (Boordy, Olney, etc) and Maryland distillers(Lyon, McClintock, Springfield Manor) and others that are too small for the chain store to support them. I worry that this legislation will negatively affect our business. Please vote against this bill.

Thank you for your time!