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Prince George's County Young Democrats Strongly Oppose PG-304-21

Prince George's County, MD - The Prince George's County Young Democrats' Legislative Committee have unanimously opposed the following bill:

- **PG-304-21; Alcoholic Beverages – Distance Restrictions.**

Sponsored by Delegate Marvin Holmes (D23B)

- *FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING A CLASS C ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE TO THE TYPES OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES THAT MAY BE USED FOR AN ESTABLISHMENT LOCATED WITHIN CERTAIN DISTANCES OF A PLACE OF WORSHIP OR A SCHOOL IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY; AND GENERALLY RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.*
- This legislation will grant the ability for establishments to acquire a Class C beer/wine/liquor license within 500 feet of houses of worship or 1,000 feet of kindergarten and nursery schools.
- *It has been reported that a constituent of Delegate Holmes, James Riley Jr., is a partial owner of a prospective cigar lounge located in Clinton that is within 400 feet of a church ([Mt. Paran Baptist Church](#)) and the Veteran's Cigar Club LLC, which would have greater ability to sell alcohol with the passage of this legislation.*
- *This legislation will incur extraordinary costs to Prince George's County from the adverse effect of alcohol on public health, infrastructure, traffic, & crime.*
- *The Prince George's County Liquor Board has noted problems, including failure to follow up on complaints and frequent failure to check tax and residency documentation for license applications and renewals.*
- *The members of our organization do not believe that greater access to alcoholic beverages will improve quality of life or health outcomes for Prince George's County residents.*

“The members of PGCYD remain committed to amplifying their voices on potential policy decisions that could impact their communities and daily life. We look forward to working with our elected leaders to ensure that public policy presented before us, is for us and for the betterment of everyone, and not just a select few.”

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