

Testimony of Andy Anderson

Good afternoon Chair Pinsky, Vice Chair Kagan and distinguished members of the Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee. My name is Andy Anderson. My address is 128 W. Ring Factory Road, Bel Air, MD 21014. I am the Executive Director at Brightview Avondell, an active retirement community which provides resort-style senior independent living and assisted living. My duties include overseeing the safety, wellbeing and lifestyle of the 200 residents that call our community home. I have been with Brightview 9 ½ years.

Brightview strongly supports the Harford County Alcoholic Beverages Bill 386 establishing an “Assisted Living Program Beer, Wine and Liquor License”. We appreciate the support of Harford County’s Delegates and Senators for Bill 386.

If passed, the bill provides at Brightview the following:

- On premises consumption of beer and wine by our residents and their guests.
- Storage lockers for liquor for ages 21 and up.
- Preparation of mixed drinks with liquor purchased by a resident and mixers provided by either the resident or Brightview.
- All servers will be alcohol awareness trained and certified.
- Employees who are at least 18 years of age may serve alcohol.

The assisted living industry across the United States enjoys the benefit of liquor licenses. We look forward to working with you to ensure this bill’s passage and we respectfully request your support. This Bill will allow our residents and guests to lawfully consume alcohol for brunches, lunches, dinners and happy hours. The allowable hours of consumption – 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. – reflect current Harford County law. Thank you for your kind attention.