



Testimony offered on behalf of:  
THE GARRETT COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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FAVORABLE:  
SB 451 – Garrett County – Alcoholic Beverages Act of 2021

Education, Health & Environmental Affairs Committee  
March 5, 2021

On behalf of the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce, representing 600 member organizations in Western Maryland, I write to express our support of SB 451 – Garrett County – Alcoholic Beverages Act of 2021.

This legislation cleans up language in the existing law and updates the law for existing and future breweries, distilleries and wineries in Garrett County. Garrett County is currently home to one winery and one cidery and the changes are necessary to accommodate the allowance for future growth of these businesses as well as those that may be developed here.

This is as much an economic development bill as it is an alcoholic beverages bill. As this bill is at the request of the Garrett County Liquor Control Board, we are confident in their due diligence for their recommended changes to the law.

The Chamber respectfully requests a FAVORABLE committee report on SB 451.

Sincerely,

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