

Dear Committee Member,

I just want to tell you that I hope and pray that you vote against the Bill that would allow grocery and convenience stores to get alcohol licenses.

My family has a liquor store in Taneytown, MD that we have had for 34 years next month. We have abided by all local liquor laws in investing and running that business and do not understand how those laws can be changed in an instant to destroy the business that we have built over time and much hard work.

To give a grocery or convenience store a license, without any consideration of population needs, or without any compensation to the stores already located near it, or without any time to deal with it, just doesn't seem fair or just. To those types of stores, our product would just be another aisle in their store and would be taken care of by the employees already in place. To us, those products and the business that comes with them is not just an aisle but are whole lives and livelihood. We have about 15 part-time, because they choose to be part-time to supplement their incomes due to parenting, schooling, or retirement considerations, workers that many of them have been with us for 20 plus years that would be out of work as well.

Please vote on the side of small businesses in Maryland and vote against this bill.

Thank you for your time,

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