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The Honorable Paul G. Pinsky, Chairman
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
2 West Miller Senate Office Building
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: SENATE BILL 0731 – ALLEGANY & GARRETT COUNTIES
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – GIFT BASKET PERMITS

Dear Chairman Pinsky:

The Board of License Commissioners / Liquor Control Board approve Senator George Edwards and Delegate Jason Buckle's introduction of Senate Bill 0731 – Allegany and Garrett Counties Gift Basket Permit.

The Gift Basket Permit would be limited to a business whose primary purpose is the sale and delivery of flowers or gift baskets of flowers, food, or other items and is not a chain store, supermarket, or discount house. The bill restricts the applicant from holding another permit or license issued under the Alcoholic Beverages Article. In addition, the bill states the annual sales from alcoholic beverages may not exceed 10% of the license holder's annual gross sales. These requirements and limitations are in harmony with Gift Basket Permits in other jurisdictions.

The Board of License Commissioners / Liquor Control Board ask for your favorable consideration of Senate Bill 0731 and thank you for the support you may give this legislative issue.

Sincerely,

Deborah R. Owston

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Administrator of the Board of License Commissioners

cc: Senator George Edwards
Delegate Jason Buckle