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Senator Paul Pinsky
Chair, Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee
Miller Senate Office Building, 2 West Wing
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

Re: SUPPORT for SB 739

Dear Chair Pinsky and Members of the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee:

The College Park City-University Partnership supports SB 739.

This bill is beneficial for the goals of the City-University Partnership and its members to make College Park a more thriving center for arts, culture, and entertainment. It also assists our goals to become more of an employment center and a community for people of all ages to live. This legislation supports economic development while also including precautions to deter underage consumption of alcohol.

SB 739 clarifies that the Board of License Commissioners can allow an establishment located in a limited geographic area on the University of Maryland, College Park campus, the ability to offer entertainment after 9:00 pm when patrons under age 21 are present as long as proper agreements and security are in place.

The College Park City-University Partnership has worked deliberately on this issue, and has confidence that this legislation is fair and will be effective at ensuring quality entertainment for all ages, supporting economic development, and ensuring that underage patrons will not have access to alcoholic beverages.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Eric Olson
Executive Director