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## THE SENATE OF MARYLAND ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

Testimony of Senator Jill P. Carter

In <u>Favor</u> of SB0396 - Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – Class B–D–7 License
Before the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
on March 5, 2021

Mr. Chairman, Madam Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee:

This bill modifies the hours of sale for class B-D-7 license for the area bounded by the south side of Frederick Avenue between South Augusta Avenue and South Loudon Avenue. Currently the hours are from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. This bill modifies those hours to 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

This bill is the result of community concern and is much needed to help improve the quality of the surrounding area. Under the current operating hours, members of the community have notified the 41st District Delegation, and other local leaders, of an increase in quality-of-life issues, such as loitering and violence, in the area. They expressed the belief that a minor change in operating hours would help mitigate some of the issues and requested our assistance.

Baltimore City Councilman Kristerfer Burnett and local community organizations such as the Northwestern District Police Community Relations Council and the Irvington Community Association, have all submitted letters in support of this legislation.

As such, I urge a favorable report from the Committee on Senate Bill 396.

Respectfully,

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