

Delegate Vanessa E. Atterbeary, Chair
and Members of The Ways And Means Committee
Maryland House of Delegates
Annapolis, MD

RE: HB 328- Elections-Polling Place Location Restrictions- Repeal—**OPPOSE**

Dear Chairperson Atterbeary and Members of The Committee,

Considering the manner in which alcohol affects the brain, repealing restrictions on holding an election in a building used, owned, or occupied by an establishment that holds an alcoholic beverages license is a recipe for disaster. HB 328 does not state that the establishment will close for a given amount of time pre- and post- election hours for early voting, nor does it indicate such DURING early voting hours. Voting decisions are best rendered by researching the candidate AND carrying out that decision in a sober state of mind. Repealing the restrictions to allow early voting to be conducted IN a building that is partially occupied by an establishment that holds an alcoholic beverages license negates said vote and disenfranchises others'.

For these reasons, I ask that you return an UNFAVORABLE Report for HB 328.

Thank you for your time,

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