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**THE SENATE OF MARYLAND**  
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**Testimony of Senator Hayes in Support of Senate Bill 757**  
**Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - 40th Alcoholic Beverages District**

**March 4, 2022**

Chairman Pinsky and Members of the Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee,

SB 757 is a comprehensive alcohol bill that corrects a specific portion of the early closures on West North Avenue, creates a new license for Culinary Architecture, creates a license for Stem & Vine, a plant shop and event space, and lastly creates a license for Lexington Market.

Last year's **SB 755** at its core, was a public safety bill. The purpose of the bill was to reduce unwarranted soliciting and loitering around liquor establishments targeted at three specific zones during high crime hours of the day. The bill restricted the sale of alcohol to after 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. One of the areas on west north avenue self corrected with hiring their own security and implementing other safety measures. Because of this the homicides have reduced in that area and we want to exclude them from the limited hours.

Next this bill creates a license for Culinary Architecture and Stem & Vine, Culinary Architecture is a grocery, catering, and event space in Pigtown and Stem & Vine is a plant shop and event space, located at the old Brown's Arcade.

Lastly this bill will create a license for Lexington Market. The new license will allow each vendor the ability to sell alcoholic beverages. The current law, 2017 (HB289) creates a "Marketplace License," which has a maximum capacity of 500 individuals. The redeveloped market will have a capacity in excess of 1,000 individuals.

I urge a favorable report on Senate Bill 430.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Antonio L. Hayes".

Senator Antonio L. Hayes  
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