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Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee:

Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Vice Chair and committee members. My name is Cynthia Knopp and I am one of 3 Liquor Control Board members. We all have full time employment outside of the dispensaries and each one of us run very successful businesses.

From day one of our commission to the Liquor Control Board, we were met with problems maintaining sound inventory and cash control systems at our three stores.

While we were successful in implementing new procedures such as bulk buying resulting in increased revenues for the County, buying a new point of service system to maintain better records and reporting and implementing a wonderful surveillance system, we could never really solve the inventory and cash control issues.

We agree with the County Commissioners position to disband the Somerset County Liquor Control Board and Dispensaries and we fully support the passage of SB 495.