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**Testimony of Senator Craig J. Zucker**  
**Senate Bill - 698 - Alcoholic Beverages - Maryland Alcohol Manufacturing and Promotion**  
**Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee**  
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**1:00pm**  
**Position: SUPPORT**

Good afternoon Chairman Pinsky, Vice Chairman Kagan, and distinguished members of the committee. It is my pleasure to testify today in **support of Senate Bill - 698 - Alcoholic Beverages - Maryland Alcohol Manufacturing and Promotion.**

Senate Bill 698 establishes the Advisory Commission on Maryland Alcohol Manufacturing (ACMAM) and the Maryland Alcohol Manufacturing Promotion Fund (MAMPF) in the Department of Commerce. This legislation addresses the existing commission and simply expands it.

This legislation promotes the expansion of minority ownership, small business marketing, and tourism both in and out of state. The purpose of this legislation is to catch up to where other neighboring states, like Virginia and Pennsylvania, are with drawing in revenue and tourism from their state breweries, distilleries, and wineries.

For these reasons, I urge a favorable report on Senate Bill 698, as amended. Thank you for your kind consideration.