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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND**

February 3, 2023

Delegate Ben Barnes, Chair  
Appropriations Committee  
Room 121  
House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: House Bill 637; Washington County-Deputy Sheriff's and Correctional  
Deputies-Employment Conditions and Collective Bargaining: SUPPORT

Dear Delegate Barnes:

By a vote of 5-0, the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County unanimously supports House Bill 637. HB 637 would alter the grounds on which a deputy sheriff with the rank of major or below, in Washington County, may be discharged after two years of continuous employment; provides that a special deputy sheriff in Washington County is not a State employee for certain reasons; and authorizes sworn deputy sheriffs at the rank of sergeant and below and correctional deputies at the rank of sergeant and below to engage in collective bargaining with the Washington County Sheriff and the County Administrator.

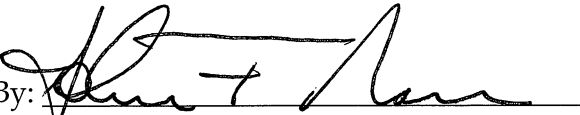
This bill updates certain terminology to comply with changes in State law as a result of the Police Accountability Act. The bill also authorizes the Sheriff and County to engage in collective bargaining with sworn deputies and correctional officers. Collective bargaining would not occur unless the sworn deputies and/or correctional officers of certain ranks asked to be recognized as a collective bargaining unit. The bill defines the issues that could be the subject of the collective bargaining negotiations.

For these reasons, the Board of County Commissioners urges the Committee to approve HB 637.

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Sincerely,

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Delegate C. T. Wilson, Chair  
Economic Matters Committee  
Room 231, House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: House Bill 414; Washington County – Electricians – Registration and Licensing:  
Support

Dear Delegate Wilson:

By a vote of 5-0, the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County unanimously supports House Bill 414. The purpose of HB 414 is to update Title 8 of Washington County's Code of Public Local Laws and bring it into compliance with State changes implemented by the Maryland Electricians Act (Ch. 708 of the Laws of Maryland, 2021 (HB 1262)). The changes proposed by HB 414 do not alter or amend the procedure by which Washington County licenses and/or registers electricians. Moreover, HB 414 does not increase or decrease the number of electrical license classifications issued by the County.

Additionally, HB 414 updates certain references to the appropriate division of Washington County Government.

For these reasons, the Board of County Commissioners urges the Committee to approve HB 414.

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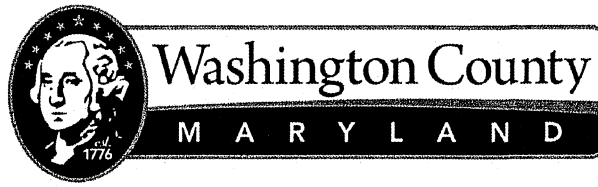
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Delegate C. T. Wilson, Chair  
Economic Matters Committee  
Room 231  
House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: House Bill 565; Alcoholic Beverages-Class 9 Limited Distillery License-Self  
Distribution

Dear Delegate Wilson:

By a vote of 5-0, the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County unanimously supports House Bill 565. The purpose of HB 565 is to Authorize a holder of a Class 9 limited distillery license to sell and deliver alcoholic beverages manufactured under the license, in bulk, to persons within and outside the State of Maryland authorized to acquire them. HB 565 further repeals the prohibition against a holder of a Class 9 limited distillery license apply for or possessing a wholesaler's license.

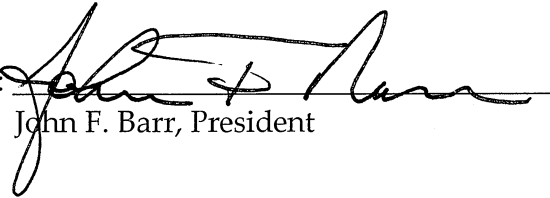
Under the current law, a holder of a Class 9 limited distillery license must sell their product to a licensed wholesaler who then sells the product to the retailers. In the case of a Class 9 licensee in Washington County, this results in the product being transported to Baltimore City to the wholesaler, and then transported back out to Washington County for purchase by the retailer. The proposed changes to the Class 9 Limited Distillery License allow the Class 9 licensee to sell directly to a licensed retailer. The provisions of HB 565 would alleviate the additional costs and environmental impact associated with the duplicative and unnecessary transportation of the licensee's product. HB 565 creates benefits to both the licensee and the environment and infrastructure within the State of Maryland.

For these reasons, the Board of County Commissioners urges the Committee to approve HB 565.

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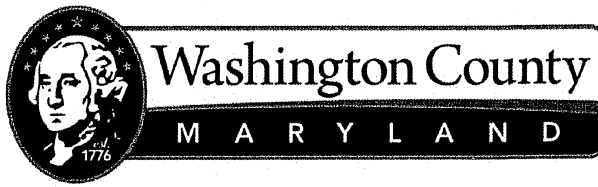
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Delegate Kumar P. Barve., Chair  
Environmental and Transportation Committee  
Room 251, House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: House Bill 197; Washington County – Sheriff’s Salary – Alteration: Support

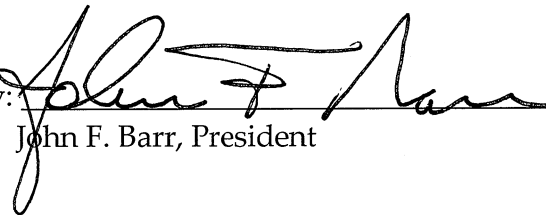
Dear Delegate Barve:

By a vote of 5-0, the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County unanimously supports House Bill 197. This bill establishes the salary of the Washington County Sheriff by indexing the salary to 90% of the salary for the Washington County State’s Attorney. Further, HB 197 removes the Sheriff from the County’s legislatively mandated salary study process, thereby improving governmental efficiency and conserving governmental resources.

For these reasons, the Board of County Commissioners respectfully requests approval of HB 197.

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