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**Testimony of Delegate Dana Jones**  
**Before the Economic Matters Committee**  
**In Support of HB 520**  
**City of Annapolis - Alcoholic Beverages - Art Establishment**  
**February 20th, 2023**

Chair Wilson, Vice-Chair Crosby, Alcohol Sub-Committee Chair Valderrama, and distinguished members of the Economic Matters Committee

For the Record, I am Delegate Dana Jones.

I come before you today to introduce HB 520, City of Annapolis - Alcoholic Beverages - Art Establishment. This bill would allow art establishments to obtain an annual liquor license. For the past decade Maryland Hall has applied for and received only daily liquor licenses. In one year they obtained 73 individual liquor licenses that cost us \$5,475. Furthermore, the amount of staff time sitting at alcohol liquor board meetings is a constant drain on productivity. Maryland Hall has shared with me that they lose nearly 180 hours annually of staff time for these liquor board meetings. Maryland Hall is a nonprofit and this amount of time and thousands of dollars would be better spent directly supporting the various programs, events, and offerings they make available to the public.

I'm introducing this bill along with an amendment that adjusts the annual fee for the license. After working with the City of Annapolis' Office of Law, as well as Maryland Hall, we agreed upon an annual license fee of \$1000. The amendment reflects the work by my office, our cross-file Senator Elfreth's office, Maryland Hall, and the City of Annapolis' office of law.

I respectfully urge a favorable report on House Bill 520.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dana Jones". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Delegate Dana Jones

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