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February 13, 2023

The Honorable C.T. Wilson, Chair
Economic Matters Committee
6 Bladen Street, Room 231
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: HB 258-Queen Anne's County-Alcoholic Beverages Licenses-Residency Requirement

Dear Chairman Wilson and Members of the Economic Matters Committee:

The Queen Anne's County Delegation have voted in unanimous support for HB258-Queen Anne's County-Alcoholic Beverages Licenses-Residency Requirement, and Amendments HB0258/683724/1 and HB0258/903727/1.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Delegate Steven J. Arentz, Chair Queen Anne's County Delegation

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Delegate Jefferson L. Ghrist



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**THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY**

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The Honorable Delegate C.T. Wilson
Chairman, Economic Matters Committee
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RE: HB258 – Queen Anne's County Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Residency Requirements **SUPPORT**

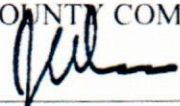
Dear Delegate Wilson:

Please consider this letter of support for House Bill 258. This bill would remove the requirement that an applicant for an alcoholic beverages license be a resident of Queen Anne's County.

We support this legislation, with the sponsor's amendments, and urge a favorable recommendation.

Respectfully,

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


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February 10, 2023

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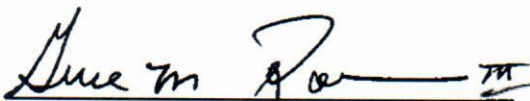
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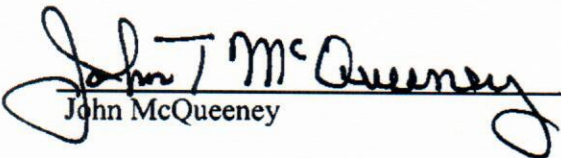
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February 14th, 2023

The Distinguished Chairman C.T Wilson

Economic Matters Committee

Annapolis MD, 21401

Dear Esteemed Members of the Economic Matters Committee,

The Caroline County Delegation respectfully requests your consideration to vote favorably with amendments on HB258-Queen Anne's County-Alcoholic Beverages Licenses-Residency Requirement. The amendment will include Caroline County on HB258 and is met with unanimous support.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Delegate Jefferson L. Ghrist

(Caroline County Delegation Chair)

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House Bill 258

Queen Anne's County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Residency Requirement

Position: **SUPPORT W/ AMENDMENTS**

Date: February 20, 2023

To: Economic Matters

The Honorable C.T. Wilson, Chair
Economic Matters Committee
6 Bladen Street, Room 231
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chairman Wilson and Members of the Economic Matters Committee:

The Caroline County Commissioners **SUPPORT** HB 258, Queen Anne's County– Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Residency Requirement, with amendments.

The Caroline County Commissioners request that Caroline County be added onto this legislation so that Caroline's alcoholic beverages licenses requirements reflect those of the State's. The current law requires at least one license applicant to have lived in the county at the time of application. This can be a significant hurdle as business owners must find a willing resident to serve as the primary license holder, which usually requires a previous relationship and a certain level of trust. This results in someone who is paid an annual fee to serve as the resident agent on the license and has little, if anything, to do with the operations of the establishment.

The Board of Commissioners believe that this change will allow Caroline County to attract more businesses to the region, thus providing a greater economic benefit to our County by creating jobs and generating revenue.

The Caroline County Commissioners support HB258 with the proposed amendments (HB0285-683724-01 & HB0258-903727-01). With this, we respectfully request a favorable report on House Bill 258.

Sincerely,

J. Travis Breeding
President
Caroline County Commissioners