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Testimony of Delegate Marlon Amprey in Support of House Bill 886

40th District - Alcoholic Beverages

Feb 20, 2023

Chair Wilson and members of the Economic Matters Committee,

House Bill 886 has several goals, the first of which is to broaden the preexisting boundaries that limit liquor store hours from the 1000 block of West North Avenue into the 1300 block. Second, it authorizes liquor licenses for the VFW in Hampden, meaning businesses on that block would be able to hold a license to serve beer and wine.

An amendment to this bill was submitted to allow for a florist to hold a Class C license enabling them to supply and deliver beer and wine with their orders. Another amendment to this bill was submitted to limit liquor licenses in the southwest part of the district. The area is overlapped by three police districts and is known by the Baltimore City Police Department as the tri-district, notorious for violence and more specifically homicides and non-fatal shootings.

I urge you to vote favorably on HB886.

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Respectfully,

**Delegate Marlon Amprey** 

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