

Maryland House Bill 251_Senate Bill 381 WIA Lette

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Waverly Improvement Association of Baltimore City has recently become aware of Maryland House Bill 251 introduced by Maryland House Delegate Regina Boyce and Maryland Senate Bill 381 introduced by Maryland Senator Mary Washington. Waverly is located within the 43rd Senate legislative district and the 43A House legislative district so our community would be directly impacted by House Bill 251/Senate Bill 381. We are in support of House Bill 251/Senate Bill 381's repeal of the restriction that disallows any liquor establishment from obtaining an A-7 liquor license located within the 43rd state legislative district and the repeal of the portion of the law that provided a stoppage of the Board of Liquor License Commissioners of Baltimore City from approving any new A-7 liquor license requests after July 1, 2022.

We are in support of this legislation because we have an executed MoU with a liquor establishment located within the Waverly Main Street commercial district that is located within the 43rd Senate legislative district and the 43A House legislative district known as the Stadium Lounge. This MoU is contingent upon the license holder, Mr. Domingo Kim, obtaining an A-7 liquor license, something he has stated to the Waverly Improvement Association during MoU negotiations that he is willing to do so but has been unable to do so since the execution due to the legislative restriction which disallowed **ANY** liquor establishment within the 43rd state legislative district from obtaining an A-7 license.

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Please consider this information during discussions on whether to approve or not approve House Bill 251/Senate Bill 381 that a liquor establishment who has worked with the Waverly community in Baltimore City for a long time to greatly improve its conditions upon request by the Waverly community wants to obtain an A-7 liquor license to fulfill the MoU but currently cannot do so. If House Bill 251/Senate Bill 381 is enacted, as of July 1, 2023, this establishment will finally be able to obtain an A-7 license and will be finally bound by an MoU that was executed on November 5, 2021 but could not take effect due to Mr. Kim was unable to obtain an A-7 liquor license at the time of the MoU execution due to the location restriction that's in the current law for the A-7 liquor license for Baltimore City.

We would greatly appreciate it if the House Economic Matters committee and the Senate Finance Committee would vote in approval of House Bill 251/Senate Bill 381, respectively.

If anyone has any questions or concerns, please email the Waverly Improvement Association at bod@waverlyimprovement.org

Sincerely,

Waverly Improvement Association Board of Directors

CC: Baltimore City Councilwoman Odette Ramos
CC: Waverly Main Street Executive Director Diana Emerson
CC: Stadium Lounge License Holder Domingo Kim
CC: State Delegate Regina Boyce
CC: State Delegate Elizabeth Embry
CC: State Senator Mary Washington
CC: Baltimore Good Neighbors Association Barb and Hank Valeri

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