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March 22, 2023

The Honorable Senator Melony Griffith
Chair, Senate Finance Committee
3 East Miller Senate Office Building
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis MD 21401

RE: HB258 – Queen Anne’s County Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Residency Requirements SUPPORT

Dear Senator Griffith:

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

Signature of James J. Moran
James J. Moran, President

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House Bill 258

Caroline and Queen Anne's Counties – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Residency Requirement

Position: **SUPPORT**
Date: March 28, 2023
To: Finance

Dear Chair Griffith and members of the Finance Committee,

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

The Caroline County Commissioners request 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 this, we respectfully request a favorable report on House Bill 258.

Sincerely,

J. Travis Breeding
President
Caroline County Commissioners