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Testimony in Support of H.B. 1062 Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Alternation of License Quota

Dear Members of the Committee:

I'm requesting a favorable report on H.B. 1062, the Harford County Delegation bill *Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Alternation of License Quota*.

H.B. 1062 increases, from 3,000 to 4,000 individuals, the quota utilized by the Harford County Board of License Commissioners (the board) when issuing a Class A license.

Currently, for every 3,000 individuals in Harford County, the board cannot issue more than one Class A off-sale license, one Class A-1 off-sale license, and one Class A-2 off-sale license. H.B. 1062 simply shifts the quota from 3,000 to 4,000.

This shift will bring the total of Class A licenses unused in Harford County to 12. Furthermore, it is important to note this does not affect the current license holders nor renewals going forward.

Originally, H.B. 1062 set the quota change to 4,500 but to provide for a consistent application of practice across counties, the bill was amended to the 4,000 level.

H.B. 1062 has the full support of the Harford County Delegation and the Harford County Liquor Control Board.

I respectfully request a favorable report for H.B. 1062.

Thank you.

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