



DATE: February 24, 2023

TO: The Honorable Melony Griffith, Chair
Members, Senate Finance Committee

FROM: Maryland State Licensed Beverage Association
Maryland Beer Wholesalers Association, Inc.

RE: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT
Senate Bill 738 – Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Performing Arts
Theater License

On behalf of the Maryland State Licensed Beverage Association and the Maryland Beer Wholesalers Association, we are writing to support Senate Bill 738, but with an amendment on the bill.

Senate Bill 738 contains a provision allowing the license holder to “purchase beer and wine from a retail license holder or an authorized and licensed wholesaler or manufacturer.” Under our longstanding regulatory structure, retailers purchase alcoholic beverages from a wholesaler. We would request that the bill be amended to similarly require that this type of license be required to purchase their alcoholic beverages from a wholesaler, and not from other retailers or manufacturers.

Thank you for your attention to our concerns.