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**Testimony of Senator Hayes in Support of Senate Bill 589**  
**Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – Related Event Promoter’s Permit**  
**February 24, 2023**

Chairwoman Griffith and members of the Financial Committee,

Bringing the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) to Baltimore has been a tremendous cultural and economic success for our Baltimore. In 2019, Senate Bill 792 was created to identify when and where CIAA-related but non-sponsored/sanctioned events are happening during the tournament week; ensure that those events are taken into consideration in the city’s holistic planning and communication efforts; and create a positive revenue model.

SB589 extends the sunset from the current June 30, 2023 date all the way through to June 30, 2025. It also clarifies some technical aspects of the bill, including the term “related event” to clearly include an event where tickets are sold to the public, either in advance or at the door, or a cover charge is imposed, including a concert, an entertainment event, a happy hour, or a party. The bill also shortens the length of time when a person, or business, must apply for the permit from 90 days to 30 days.

This bill would allow for a more accurate understanding of the revenue stream from sales of alcohol at and around events in the community. It would also lessen the burden on small businesses and individual contractors hosting an event in Baltimore City.

I urge you to vote favorably on SB589.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Antonio L. Hayes".

Senator Antonio L. Hayes  
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