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**Testimony of Senator Hayes in Support of Senate Bill 588**

**40th District - Alcoholic Beverages**

**February 24, 2023**

Chair Griffith and members of the Finance Committee,

Senate Bill 588 has several goals, the first is to broaden the preexisting boundaries that limit liquor store hours from the 1000 block of West North Avenue into the 1300 block. Second, it authorizes liquor licenses for the VFW in Hampden. Meaning businesses on that block would be able to hold a license to serve beer and wine.

An amendment will soon be submitted for this bill to allow for a florist to hold a Class C license enabling them to supply and deliver beer and wine with their orders. Another amendment has been added to this bill limiting liquor licenses in the southwest part of the district. The area is overlapped by three police districts and is known by the Baltimore City Police Department as the tri-district, it is notorious for violence in the district, more specifically homicides and non-fatal shootings.

I urge you to vote favorably on SB588.

Respectfully,

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

Senator Antonio L. Hayes  
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