



TO: Chair Barnes, Vice Chair Chang, Appropriations Committee

FROM: Maryland Wineries Association

RE: **Support for SB 746** – Winery and Vineyard Economic Development Grant Program- Modifications

DATE: March 20, 2024

The Maryland Wineries Association, a non profit trade organization consisting of over 120 Maryland vineyards and wineries, works to promote Maryland’s wine industry. We write in strong support of SB 746.

SB 746 makes minor technical modifications to Maryland’s existing Winery and Vineyard Economic Development Grant Program which is administrated by the Department of Commerce. Commerce has written in support of these modifications.

The House crossfile HB 914 passed this Committee and the House unanimously. We ask for this Committee’s favorable report on SB 746.

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