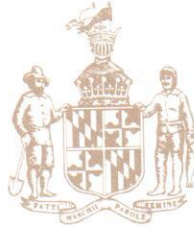


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ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401  
WICOMICO COUNTY DELEGATION

February 14, 2024

Chairman C.T Wilson  
Economic Matters Committee  
Room 231  
House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**Re: HB1340- Wicomico County - Alcoholic Beverages - Monopoly of Liquor Control Board and Dispensary - Repeal**

Dear Chairman Wilson and Members of the Economic Matters Committee,

The Wicomico County Delegation supports HB1340- Wicomico County - Alcoholic Beverages - Monopoly of Liquor Control Board and Dispensary – Repeal and are asking for a **favorable report**. This bill was brought to us from the Wicomico County Council and the Wicomico County Executive with unanimous support. HB1340 supports the Wicomico County Liquor Dispensary System Task Force’s recommendation to allow the holder of a Class A, B, C, or D License to purchase alcoholic beverages from a dispensary or a wholesaler, allowing local retailers and restaurants a choice in where to purchase their Alcoholic Beverages. We are also including two amendments that are supported by all.

Thank you for your consideration and please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carl Anderton Jr.', written over a horizontal line.

Delegate Carl Anderton Jr., Chair, Wicomico County Delegation



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February 7, 2024

Wicomico County Delegation  
c/o Delegate Carl L. Anderton, Jr.  
House Office Building, Room 310  
6 Bladen Street, Room 310  
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RE: Wicomico County – Alcoholic Beverages- Monopoly of Liquor Control Board and  
Dispensary - Repeal

Dear Senators and Delegates:

We are writing to amend the letter of support for Legislative Request No. 1611 that prohibits the Liquor Dispensaries in Wicomico County from selling beer and wine. Following our work session discussion on January 16<sup>th</sup>, several organizations have expressed concern about the minimum bulk purchase limit required to purchase from a distributor and have requested for the State Law to continue to allow the Liquor Dispensaries to sell beer and wine.

The County Council is still in support of allowing the holder of a Class A, B, C, or D License to purchase alcoholic beverages from a dispensary or a wholesaler as provided in Legislative Request No. 1611, but it wishes to remove the prohibition on the sale of beer and wine. A revised copy of Legislative Request No. 1611 as supported by the Wicomico County Council is enclosed for your consideration.

We appreciate your assistance. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Council Office at 410-548-4696.

Sincerely,

WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND

Jeff Merritt, Council Vice President

Cc: Wicomico County Council



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Re: Wicomico County HB 1340

Dear Senators and Delegates:

This letter is in support of HB 1340 which was recommended by the Wicomico County Liquor Dispensary System Task Force to allow the holder of a Class A, B, C, or D License to purchase alcoholic beverages from a dispensary or a wholesaler as provided by the proposed bill HB1340.

This will allow local retailers and restaurants a choice where to purchase their alcoholic beverages, which will promote economic sustainability for the businesses and create a business-friendly community.

We appreciate your assistance.

Respectfully,

WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND



Julie M. Giordano  
County Executive