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February 21, 2024

The Honorable C. T. Wilson
The Honorable Brian M. Crosby
Economic Matters Committee
Room 231
House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: HB 0843 - Cecil County - Board of License Commissioners - Inspections of Licensed Cannabis Businesses
Letter of Support

Dear Chairman Wilson, Vice Chair Crosby and Members of the Economic Matters Committee:

The County Council and the County Executive of Cecil County unanimously supports HB 0843 - Cecil County - Board of License Commissioners - Inspections of Licensed Cannabis Businesses. The Hearing on this legislation is scheduled for February 23, 2024.

It is our understanding that this legislation is authorizing an inspector employed by the Board of License Commissioners in Cecil County to enter a licensed cannabis business for the purpose of observing whether the requirements of the license are being met, provided that the inspector makes a certain announcement and the inspector does not take any action against the licensee or an employee of the licensee.

Code enforcement is a critical function for County governments to allow us to address concerns from our citizens. This bill will give us both the ability and flexibility to utilize our inspectors from the Board of License Commissioners to observe if the codes are being followed in licensed cannabis businesses and to report violations to the proper authorities. Cecil County strongly supports this legislation.

The County Executive and County Council of Cecil County respectfully request that the Economic Matters Committee send a favorable report on HB 0843.

Sincerely,

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Danielle Hornberger
County Executive

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Jackie Gregory
President of County Council