



Havre de Grace Chamber of Commerce

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

RE: FAVORABLE - HB 623 – Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class L License

Chairman Wilson and the honorable members of the Economic Matters Committee:

The Havre de Grace Chamber of Commerce supports HB 623. HB 623 sponsored by Harford County Delegation if passed will establish a Class L beer and wine license in Harford County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County to issue the license to a holder of a manufacturer's license; authorizing the license holder to hold another license or permit issued by the Board; specifying that the license authorizes the license holder to sell certain beer and wine for on-premises consumption under certain circumstances; requiring the license holder to provide prepackaged snacks; establishing an annual license fee of \$2,000.

The Havre de Grace (HdG) Chamber of Commerce fully supports this legislation. HdG is home to 2 breweries and 1 winery in addition to the many located within the county. Allowing for the crossover of the products encourages more consumers to visit these facilities and experience more of our local beverages. It encourages partnerships between manufacturers with joint promotion. It creates a familiarity with products that benefits the restaurants and retail stores that may sell these products to consumers on a later date.

The HdG Chamber of Commerce believes that this legislation will benefit consumers and manufacturers, and requests the committee give HB 623 a favorable report.

Respectfully,

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