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Mr. Chairman,

In Maryland, an individual may not be issued more than one Class A license for either the use of the individual, corporation, or partnership.¹ A Class A wine, beer and liquor license is issued by the license issuing authority of the jurisdiction in which the establishment is located. The license authorizes the holder to sell any quantity of alcoholic beverages at the place of business stated in the license.²

HB 1424 clarifies that with certain exceptions, no more than one liquor license can be issued to an individual within a single jurisdiction. Additionally, this bill increases the number of Class A alcoholic beverage licenses that may be issued to an individual from one to four. This does not guarantee that business holders will automatically receive an additional license, as they're still subject to the license application process. Retailers would increase revenue by serving Class A beverages in establishments located in different jurisdictions. This bill would open the pool so that a larger number of retailers can distribute alcohol throughout the state.

¹ "2022 Maryland Statutes :: Alcoholic Beverages :: Division I - General Provisions Affecting Multiple Jurisdictions :: Title 4 - Local Licensing :: Subtitle 2 - Issuance or Denial of Local Licenses :: Section 4-203 - Prohibition against Issuing Multiple Licenses to Individual or for Use of Entity," Justia Law, 2022, <https://law.justia.com/codes/maryland/2022/alcoholic-beverages/division-i/title-4/subtitle-2/section-4-203/>.

² "Maryland Alcoholic Beverages Section 6-101," Justia Law, n.d., <https://law.justia.com/codes/maryland/2005/g2B/6-101.html>.

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I strongly oppose House Bill 847, and bill House bill 1424. I own and represent Rips Wine and Spirits in Bowie, Prince George's county. I can proudly say the Rip's employs about 85 employees to run its business and I am proud in offering to support this many families by providing their family member a decent paying job. I recently entered in liquor retail business since last 2 years and have paid hefty cost on buying the liquor license with store. I have also invested hundreds of thousands in training employees, upgrading building infrastructure to make smoother operation of my business. I have taken out loans and risked my livelihoods to open this store. If supermarkets are allowed to sell beer and wines and allowed to have multiple licenses, my store would get beaten up on prices by massive grocery stores chains and corporate stores. This move will definitely affect rips operation. That would put me and my employees out of work which may affect their families as well which may push me in bankruptcy.

Please mark my oppose to this bill 847. If you may want to reach out to me, please do not hesitate to reach out at himanshu@ripscountryinn.com or call me at 301-805-5900 x 104

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