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Honorable Senator Pamela Beidle
Chair
Finance Committee
3 East
Miller Senate Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: HB 621 – Harford County- Alcoholic Beverages- Stadium License Annual Fee

Dear Chair Pamela Beidle,

House Bill 621 Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Stadium License Annual Fee, aims to reduce the annual fee from \$10,000 to \$4,000. The compelling evidence provided by Delegate Steve Johnson had shed light on the importance of aligning the fee with those in Prince George's, Wicomico, Charles, and Frederick counties. After vigorous discussion the House Delegation overwhelmingly supported this Harford County Delegation Bill.

Ripken Stadium was the only stadium of its nature when the previous bill from 2002 increased the fee from \$5,000 to \$10,000. To date with the proven data the Delegation feels it is important to ensure the fee is fair and comparable to those in neighboring counties.

We respectfully ask for a favorable report from the Finance Committee.

Sincerely,

Delegate Teresa E. Reilly
Chair of the Harford County Delegation