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Chair Beidle and Vice Chair Klausmeier,

HB742/SB770, Frederick County - Alcoholic Beverages - Stadium License, was voted on by the Frederick County Delegation on January 26th, 2024 and received support from the majority of the Delegation. A voting list has been sent to the committee along with this letter. The Frederick County Delegation asks for a favorable report from the Senate Finance Committee.

Sincerely,

Del. Jesse T. Pippy - Chair

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February 22, 2024

Maryland Senate Senator Pamela Beidle, Chair Judicial Proceedings Committee Miller Senate Office Building Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Support of SB 770 - Frederick County - Alcoholic Beverages - Stadium License

Chairperson Beidle and Members of the Committee,

My name is Matt Libber, and I am the Legislative Committee Chair for the Maryland Tourism Coalition (MTC). I am writing to you today to express MTC's support for Senate Bill 770. The Maryland Tourism Coalition is a trade organization with members representing all areas of tourism in the State of Maryland. Our mission is to support businesses and organizations that cater to the tourism industry through education, networking, and advocacy. As such, MTC asks the committee to vote in favor of this bill.

This bill will provide an update and modernize the alcohol licenses offered at the baseball stadium located in Frederick Maryland to include liquor beverages. This update will allow the stadium and its operator to provide offerings that are popular with consumers at this time. This change in alcohol licensing options allows the stadium to be more competitive with other stadiums and attractions in the region and draw more spectators to the area. The increase in spectators will have a positive effect on tourism spending in the County and State which supports 187,000 jobs across the State and contributes to the more than \$2.3 billion in tax revenue collected by the industry. Modernization of our alcohol licensing system is essential to remain competitive within the tourism industry with other states and jurisdictions.

For these reasons, the Maryland Tourism Coalition asks this committee to vote in favor of this legislation and forward it for a full vote within the Senate of Maryland.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Libber

Legislative Chair

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