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March 28, 2024

The Honorable Pamela Beidle Chair, Finance Committee 3 East Miller Senate Office Building 11 Bladen Street Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Letter of Support for House Bill 651 – St. Mary's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Beer, Wine, and Liquor Tasting Permit

Dear Chair Beidle:

As the Senator representing St. Mary's County, I am writing to state my support for House Bill 651 – St. Mary's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Beer, Wine, and Liquor Tasting Permit.

I respectfully request a favorable report on House Bill 651. Thank you for your consideration of this local St. Mary's County bill. Please contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Senator Jack Bailey

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House Bill 651 St. Mary's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Beer, Wine, and Liquor Tasting Permit

SUPPORT

March 22, 2024

The Honorable Senator Pamela Beidle Finance Committee 3 East, Miller Senate Office Building 11 Bladen Street Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chairman Beidle:

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County SUPPORT HB 651 - St. Mary's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Beer, Wine, and Liquor Tasting Permit which is being heard in the Finance Committee.

We support HB 651 and request a favorable report. We appreciate the introduction of this legislation and believe it will benefit the citizens of St. Mary's County. We look forward to working with you on this and other initiatives throughout the session.

Sincerely,

COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY

James Randy Guy, President

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Cc: Senator Jack Bailey

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THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES Annapolis, Maryland 21401 ST. MARY'S COUNTY DELEGATION

March 20, 2024

The Honorable Pam Beidle Senate Finance Committee 3 East, Miller Senate Office Building 11 Bladen Street Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: HB651 St. Mary's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Beer, Wine, and Liquor Tasting Permits

Dear Chair Beidle:

The St. Mary's County Delegation unanimously supports HB651 St. Mary's County – Alcoholic Beverages – Beer, Wine, and Liquor Tasing Permits.

The purpose of the bill is to establish a beer, wine, and liquor tasting permit in St. Mary's County which allows a limited sampling of liquor by consumers for the purpose of learning about new tastes and products. The samplings will inspire people to try local industry and expensive liquor products which in turn will benefit the local economy and businesses when purchases are made of these products.

We ask for the committee's consideration of this bill and a FAVORABLE report.

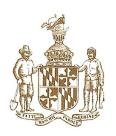
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Sincerely

Chair, St. Mary's County Delegation

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THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401 ST. MARY'S COUNTY DELEGATION

March 20, 2024

The Honorable Pam Beidle, Chair Senate Finance Committee 3 East, Miller Senate Office Building 11 Bladen Street Annapolis, MD 21401

HB651 - St. Mary's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Beer, Wine, and Liquor Tasing Permits

Chair Beidle Vice-Chair KlausmeierP and Esteemed Members of the Committee:

The purpose of this bill is to establish a new alcohol tasting permit in St. Mary's County. Currently, St. Mary's County has a Beer and Wine Tasting Permit for Class A licenses. This bill creates a new permit which allows retailers to offer samples of liquor products in addition to beer and wine, limited to the equivalent of one standard drink per customer.

Establishing the new license will benefit both retailers and consumers in St. Mary's County. Retailers will be better able market new and existing liquor products, especially ones produced by local distillers, and hopeful increase customer sales. Consumers will be able to explore a wider variety of products without the obligation to purchase and may find a new local favorite.

In closing, the creation of this new permit in St. Mary's County will benefit consumers, retailers, and Maryland distillers Thank you for your consideration. I respectfully request a favorable report.

Sincerely,

Todd B. Morgan

Delegate, Calvert/St. Mary's Counties (29C)