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The Honorable C.T. Wilson Chairman, Economic Matters Committee House Office Building Annapolis MD 21401

RE: HB 1235 – Queen Anne's County – Licensed Cannabis Dispensary and Processor Locations Distance Requirements **SUPPORT** 

Dear Honorable Wilson,

Please consider this letter of support for House Bill 1235. This bill would prohibit the governing body of Queen Anne's County from allowing licensed cannabis processors to locate within 1,000 feet of childcare facilities and certain pre-existing public places in the county; and altering certain distance requirements applicable to licensed cannabis dispensaries in Queen Anne's County.

Enacting siting standards for cannabis processors and dispensaries to include a minimum setback requirement from childcare facilities and certain pre-existing public places is entirely consistent with Zoning District Purpose statements which seek to ensure design standards which the minimize impacts of dislike uses. Additionally, the 2022 Comprehensive Plan seeks to ensure that development regulations are reviewed and amended to ensure appropriate uses and bulk requirements.

This bill is not only consistent with the County Zoning Code and Comprehensive Plan, but also assists the County to reach its development goals. Therefore, we support this legislation and urge a favorable recommendation.

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Respectfully,

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