

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

Testimony in Support of HB486 – St. Mary's County – Alcoholic Beverages – Civil Penalty for Sales Violations

February 7, 2025

Good Afternoon Chair Wilson and Members of the House Economic Matters Committee:

House Bill 486 proposes increasing the maximum civil penalty for alcohol sales violations from \$1,000 to \$2,500 in an effort to encourage businesses in the county to comply with identification checks on all alcohol purchases. This bill would strengthen the ability of the St. Mary's Alcohol Beverage Board to discourage sales of alcohol to minors.

The St. Mary's County Delegations respectfully requests a FAVORABLE report on HB486.

Sincerely

Todd B. Morgan Chair, St. Mary's County Delegation