

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

Testimony in Support of HB574 St. Mary's County – Alcoholic Beverages License – Multiple Licensing Plans

February 13, 2025

Good Afternoon Chair Wilson and esteemed members of the Economic Matters Committee:

The purpose of the bill is to authorize the Board of License Commissioners for St. Mary's County to issue a maximum than three (3) Class B beer, wine, and liquor restaurant licenses to an individual, while prohibiting a license holder from having a direct or indirect interest in more than one (1) of Class B beer, wine, and liquor restaurant license when 2 that license authorizes the sale of off-premises consumption. Current St. Mary's County law only allows a person to hold one Class B restaurant license.

The county believes the allowance will provide greater opportunity for economic success and improve the business climate in the county's hospitality and service industries.

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

Sincerely,

Todd B. Morgan

Chair, St. Mary's County Delegation