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TESTIMONY ON HB#/0866- POSITION: FAVORABLE

Frederick County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class C (Theater) Beer, Wine, and Liquor License

TO: Chair Atterbeary, Vice Chair Wilkins, and members of the Ways & Means Committee

FROM: Richard Keith Kaplowitz

My name is Richard Keith Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support of HB#/0866, Frederick County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class C (Theater) Beer, Wine, and Liquor License

This bill is a priority for the Frederick County Delegation.

This bill will permit the Weinberg Center for the Arts in Frederick to cover alcoholic beverage sales at its auxiliary site, New Spire Arts.

This bill will establish a Class C (theater) beer, wine, and liquor license in Frederick County. It will establish who has the authority over a liquor license by authorizing the manager of the theater or any other official designated by the theater to sign the application for the license. In response to a request from the licensing authority it serves to authorize the Board of License Commissioners for Frederick County to issue the license for use by certain theaters. It confers to the license holder an ability to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption, subject to certain limitations; establishing an annual license fee of \$150.

This bill facilitates the job of the Liquor Board and the local theater venue management in managing the liquor license processes.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on HB#/0866.