

CHARLES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., President Ralph E. Patterson, II, M.A., Vice President Gilbert O. Bowling, III Thomasina O. Coates, M.S. Amanda M. Stewart, M.Ed.

Mark Belton County Administrator

February 17, 2025

Re: Support for HB 835/SB731 Charles County - Alcoholic Beverages - Baseball Stadium License - Alterations

Dear Committee Members:

On behalf of the Charles County Board of County Commissioners, I write to express our strong support for passage of House Bill 835/Senate Bill 731, which authorizes the license holder at the Charles County baseball stadium to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption throughout the stadium.

Currently, the baseball license allows for sales of beer, wine, and liquor at particular points o sale, and consumption of beer and wine throughout the stadium. HB 835/SB 731 would allow for sale and consumption of beer, wine, and liquor throughout the stadium, excluding the parking lot area. We support this request as we believe the expansion to allow liquor consumption throughout the stadium as an accommodation to patrons, and reflects the changing popularity of alcohol consumption in the form of canned mixed cocktails.

For the reasons described herein, we are seeking approval of HB 835/SB 731. We urge a favorable committee report. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., President County Commissioners of Charles County

cc: Charles County Delegation