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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
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Vote Yes on Senate Bill 824

Bill Title: Alcoholic Beverages – Prohibition on Class A Licenses for Chain Stores,
Supermarkets, and Discount Houses – Repeal

Committee: Finance

Hearing Date: February 21st 2025

Dear Finance Committee Chair Senator Pamela Beidle, Vice Chair Senator Antonio Hayes, and
Esteemed Members of the Committee,

I respectfully ask for your support of Senate Bill 824, which repeals the current prohibition on
issuing Class A alcoholic beverage licenses to chain stores, supermarkets, and discount houses.
This bill is a necessary update to reflect the evolving retail landscape in Maryland.

By lifting this restriction, we allow established retailers to meet consumer demand for
convenience while maintaining strong local oversight of alcohol sales. This change will provide
businesses with the opportunity to expand their offerings responsibly, without compromising
public safety or regulation.

Senate Bill 824 will encourage fair competition, benefit Maryland's economy, and offer
consumers more choices, all while ensuring that alcohol sales remain properly regulated. I ask
for your support in advancing this important legislation.

Continued Blessings,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cory V. McCray".

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