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Sponsor Written Testimony: Favorable

Senate Bill 731: Charles County – Alcoholic Beverages – Baseball Stadium License –  
Alterations

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Chair Beidle, Vice Chair Hayes, and esteemed members of the Finance Committee:

I am Senator Arthur Ellis, representing District 28, and I am writing to express my support for Senate Bill 731 and to respectfully request the Finance Committee to issue a favorable report.

This legislation seeks to improve public safety and environmental sustainability by prohibiting alcohol consumption in parking areas and eliminating non-glass containers for beverage service. Furthermore, Senate Bill 731 prohibits a license holder from the sale of alcoholic beverages in parking areas ensuring that drinking remains inside the stadium, where it can be properly regulated, reducing tailgating-related alcohol misuse and potential public safety risks. Senate Bill 731 will move Charles County towards taking a responsible approach to alcohol regulation, ensuring that drinking at stadium events is safe, controlled, and environmentally conscious. By keeping alcohol consumption inside the stadium and eliminating non-biodegradable waste, we're protecting both public safety and the environment while supporting local businesses. Thank you for your consideration of this important legislation. I urge the committee to issue a favorable report on Senate Bill 731.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Arthur Ellis in black ink.  
Arthur Ellis