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The Honorable C.T Wilson, Delegate
Economic Matters Committee
231 Taylor House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Letter of Support – HB567 Dorchester County - Alcoholic Beverages – Arts Beer and Wine License

Dear Chairman Wilson and Committee Members,

On behalf of the Dorchester County Council, I respectfully offer its support for House Bill 567, entitled “Dorchester County – Art License” for the purpose of establishing in Dorchester County an arts beer and wine license that authorizes the holder to sell or serve beer and wine for on–premises consumption; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Dorchester County to issue the license to a nonprofit or for–profit retail business that engages in the display and sale of original artwork in a certain arts and entertainment district; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Dorchester County.

House Bill 567 is aimed at fostering a vibrant cultural and creative economy by introducing an Art License that will support galleries, studios, and other artistic venues in the county. This license will allow for the sale of beer and wine, creating opportunities for art venues to host events and social gatherings that enhance community engagement. The structure and format of this license closely align with those implemented in other jurisdictions, ensuring consistency and ease of adoption for business owners. By implementing this license, Dorchester County will enhance its appeal to artists and patrons alike, ensuring that the arts remain a cornerstone of local economic and social development. The Dorchester County Council believes that this legislation is an essential step toward sustaining and expanding the arts community. We urge you to look favorably upon this bill and support its passage.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this letter of support. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the Council’s Office at (410) 228-1700.

Sincerely,

George L. Pfeffer, Jr.
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cc: The Honorable Johnny Mautz, Senator
The Honorable Christopher T. Adams, Delegate
The Honorable Sheree Sample-Hughes, Delegate
The Honorable Tom Hutchinson, Delegate

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The Honorable Pamela Beidle, Senator
Finance Committee
3 East Miller Senate Office Building
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Letter of Support – SB800 Dorchester County - Alcoholic Beverages – Arts Beer and Wine License

Dear Chairman Beidle and Committee Members,

On behalf of the Dorchester County Council, I respectfully offer its support for Senate Bill 800, entitled “Dorchester County – Art License” for the purpose of establishing in Dorchester County an arts beer and wine license that authorizes the holder to sell or serve beer and wine for on–premises consumption; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Dorchester County to issue the license to a nonprofit or for–profit retail business that engages in the display and sale of original artwork in a certain arts and entertainment district; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Dorchester County.

Senate Bill 800 is aimed at fostering a vibrant cultural and creative economy by introducing an Art License that will support galleries, studios, and other artistic venues in the county. This license will allow for the sale of beer and wine, creating opportunities for art venues to host events and social gatherings that enhance community engagement. The structure and format of this license closely align with those implemented in other jurisdictions, ensuring consistency and ease of adoption for business owners. By implementing this license, Dorchester County will enhance its appeal to artists and patrons alike, ensuring that the arts remain a cornerstone of local economic and social development. The Dorchester County Council believes that this legislation is an essential step toward sustaining and expanding the arts community. We urge you to look favorably upon this bill and support its passage.

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