

March 2nd, 2026

**TO:** House Economic Matters Committee

**FROM:** Christine West, Coppin Heights, Baltimore City

**RE:** Alcoholic Beverages - Class A License - Retail Establishments (Alcoholic Beverages Modernization Act of 2026)

**POSITION:** Support

I am pleased to support HB1303 because it prioritizes everyday practicality for Maryland residents.

Many households carefully plan their weekly grocery trips around work schedules, childcare, and transportation availability. For families with only one vehicle, or those relying on public transportation, multiple stops are not just inconvenient, they are burdensome. Consolidating purchases into a single location would make completing required errands more manageable.

Reducing unnecessary trips also decreases fuel consumption and time spent on the road. Small efficiencies add up, particularly for families living paycheck to paycheck or managing tight schedules. This legislation offers a simple improvement that would have meaningful daily impact.

For these reasons, I respectfully request a favorable report on HB1303.

Sincerely,

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