

March 2nd, 2026

**TO:** House Economic Matters Committee

**FROM:** Jonathon Rowland, Baltimore City

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

**POSITION:** Support

I am writing to express my support for HB1303, the Alcoholic Beverages Modernization Act of 2026.

For most Maryland families, time is one of the most limited and valuable resources. Between work, school activities, caregiving responsibilities, and commuting, efficiency in daily errands matters. Maryland's prohibition on grocery store beer and wine sales forces residents to make an additional stop for a routine purchase that could easily be completed during their weekly grocery trip.

This requirement adds unnecessary travel, increases traffic congestion, and consumes time that could otherwise be spent with family or in the community. In 46 other states, consumers are trusted to complete their shopping in one place. Marylanders deserve that same level of convenience.

HB1303 is a straightforward policy reform that reduces redundant errands without compromising regulation or oversight. For these reasons, I respectfully request a favorable report on HB1303.

Sincerely,

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