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TO: House Economic Matters Committee

FROM: Micah Morris

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

POSITION: Support

I am writing to express my support for House Bill 1303 A Alcoholic Beverages - Class A License - Retail Establishments (Alcoholic Beverages Modernization Act of 2026).

Maryland families are already stretched thin. Between work, school, caregiving, and the endless demands of daily life, the last thing anyone needs is an unnecessary extra errand. Yet Maryland remains one of only four states that still prevents residents from picking up beer or wine at their local grocery store — an outdated restriction that the vast majority of Americans simply do not deal with.

The numbers speak for themselves. Nearly 80% of Marylanders support allowing grocery stores to sell beer and wine because they understand what this change means in practical terms — less time driving around, fewer stops, and a shopping experience that actually fits the rhythm of modern family life.

This is not a radical change. It is a straightforward update that brings Maryland in line with 46 other states and reflects the common sense values of the people we are asking you to represent. It makes everyday life a little more manageable for working families across our state.

I respectfully urge you to support this legislation and issue a favorable report on HB 1303.

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