

February 18th, 2026

TO: Senate Finance Committee

FROM: Micah Morris, Baltimore City

RE: Senate Bill 75 - Alcoholic Beverages - Class A License - Food Retailers

POSITION: Support

Chair Beidle, Vice Chair Hayes, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my support for Senate Bill 75 - Alcoholic Beverages - Class A License - Food Retailers (SB0075) and to respectfully ask for your favorable consideration.

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one of only four states that still prevents residents from picking up beer or wine at their local grocery store — an outdated restriction that the vast majority of Americans simply do not deal with.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 SB0075.

Best Regards,

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