

**SB0075**

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**TO:** Senate Finance Committee

**FROM:** Paris Bienert, 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 request your support for Senate Bill 75 - Alcoholic Beverages - Class A License - Food Retailers (SB0075).

As you consider updates to Maryland's alcohol laws, I urge you to support SB0075, that would allow beer and wine sales in local grocery stores. Maryland families already juggle work, school, caregiving, and countless responsibilities. Forcing residents to make separate trips for beer or wine is an unnecessary inconvenience that most other Americans do not face.

Maryland is one of only four states that still prohibit grocery stores from selling beer and wine. Recent polling indicates that nearly 80% of Marylanders support changing this policy because it simply makes shopping easier and more efficient. One-stop shopping saves time, reduces travel, and better reflects the realities of modern family life.

This commonsense reform would bring our state in line with the vast majority of the country and improve everyday life for Marylanders. I respectfully ask for your support.

For these reasons, I respectfully request a favorable report on **SB0075**.

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