

**SB0075**

February 17th, 2026

**TO:** Senate Finance Committee

**FROM:** Mario Marzette, Baltimore Maryland

**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).

Convenience matters. When residents can complete their grocery shopping in a single trip, they save valuable time that can be spent with family, at work, or in their communities. Maryland's current prohibition creates unnecessary inconvenience and no longer reflects the realities of modern life.

As someone who recently moved to Maryland, I was shocked that this antiquated law was still in effect. I have enjoyed most of my adult life being able to purchase beer and wine at grocery stores and would very much like to be able to do so here in Maryland as well.

In addition, allowing beer and wine sales in grocery stores would not eliminate independent liquor stores, which can continue to distinguish themselves through selection and service. Instead, it would simply give consumers more flexibility and reduce redundant errands.

This commonsense reform prioritizes efficiency, consumer choice, and practicality which is why I am formally requesting a favorable report on **SB0075**.

-Mario Marzette

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