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**TESTIMONY ON SB#/0718 - POSITION: FAVORABLE**  
**Frederick County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class L Permit**

**TO:** Chair Beidle, Vice Chair Hayes, and members of the Finance Committee

**FROM:** Richard Keith Kaplowitz

**My name is Richard Keith Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in favor of SB#/0718, Frederick County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class L Permit**

The purpose of this bill is to support businesses in Frederick County that are manufacturing or distilling alcoholic beverages to sell or provide samples of their products on-site for consumption.

This bill will accomplish this by establishing a Class L beer, wine, and liquor permit in Frederick County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Frederick County to issue the permit to a holder of a manufacturer's license that also holds a Class DBR brewery license or a Class DDS distillery permit; and specifying that the permit authorizes the permit holder to sell or provide samples of certain beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption under certain circumstances.

This is good for both consumers and for these businesses and will assist our many craft breweries and distillers to profit in-house from their products.

**I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on SB#/0718.**