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BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Date: February 18, 2026

To: The Honorable Chair and Members
Senate Finance Committee

Re: Letter of Support – Senate Bill 442 – Population Ratio Quota for Class A (Off-Sale) and Class D (Off-Sale) Licenses – Exemption

On behalf of the Anne Arundel County Board of License Commissioners, I am writing to express our strong support for Senate Bill 442.

This legislation establishes a necessary exemption to the population ratio quota for Class A and Class D (off-sale) licenses. Specifically, it allows the Board to issue licenses for three specific applications that were filed on or after January 1, 2023, and approved by the Board before July 1, 2025.

The Board views this as a matter of fairness. These establishments have been working diligently to secure all necessary approvals so that the Board may effectuate their licenses. This bill ensures that their efforts and prior approvals are honored.

For these reasons, the Board respectfully requests a favorable report on Senate Bill 442.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wayne B. Harris".

Chairman
Board of License Commissioners
for Anne Arundel County