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**Senator Attar's Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 361 - Baltimore City - Alcoholic
Beverages - License Extension**

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Dear Chair Beidle, Vice Chair Hayes, and Honorable Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Senate Bill 361 – Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – License Extension.

Under Maryland Code, Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis § 12-2202, a liquor license expires 180 days after a license holder has closed its business or ceased active alcoholic beverage operations at the licensed premises. Due to the ongoing renovation of Pimlico Race Course, located in the 5200 block of Park Heights Avenue, the Maryland Jockey Club has appropriately closed its business and ceased the sale of alcoholic beverages at that location.

Because renovations to Pimlico Race Course will exceed 180 days and may also exceed any additional extension period currently authorized under existing law by the Baltimore City Board of Liquor License Commissioners, legislative action is necessary to preserve the license during this extended closure. Without this bill, the license would expire solely due to the duration of renovations, rather than any action or inaction by the license holder.

Senate Bill 361 provides a limited and reasonable solution by specifying that the license shall be considered unexpired until July 1, 2029, allowing the Maryland Jockey Club to resume operations once renovations are complete.

An amendment has been provided for your consideration. The amendment is technical in nature and ensures that the transfer can be preserved without requiring the license holder to repeat the transfer process.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge a favorable report on Senate Bill 361. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dalya", written in black ink.

Senator Dalya Attar