

February 17th, 2026

TO: Senate Finance Committee

FROM: Peter Bodde 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 express my strong support for Senate Bill 75 - Alcoholic Beverages - Class A License - Food Retailers (SB0075) and to respectfully ask for your favorable consideration.

Convenience is something every Maryland resident deserves. The ability to pick up beer and wine during a routine grocery run saves time that families and working individuals simply cannot afford to waste. Maryland's current restriction feels out of step with the realities of everyday modern life.

I have lived in several different parts of the country where purchasing beer and wine at the grocery store was an unremarkable convenience — one I would very much like to enjoy here as well.

It is also worth noting that this change would not spell the end for independent liquor stores. These businesses have and will continue to set themselves apart through personalized service, expert knowledge, and carefully curated selections. This legislation simply gives consumers greater flexibility and eliminates an unnecessary extra errand.

This is a commonsense reform that puts efficiency, practicality, and consumer choice first — which is why I urge the Committee to issue a favorable report on SB0075.

Thank you,

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