

# **SB714 Letter.pdf**

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND

March 10, 2026

Senator Pamela Beidle, Chair  
Finance Committee  
3 East Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: **Support to Senate Bill 714 – Washington County – Mobile Food Service Facilities and Semipermanent Food Service Facilities – Toilet and Lavatory Facilities**

Dear Senator Beidle:

The Board of County Commissioners (the “Board”) unanimously supports the passage of Senate Bill 714, and the relief provided by the bill to mobile and semi-permanent food service facilities. Senate Bill 714 exempts mobile and semi-permanent food service facilities located in Washington County from the lavatory and toilet requirements now mandated by state law.

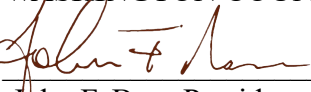
Many mobile and semi-permanent food services are small business owners operating out of a food truck or converted trailer or camper. Mobility and low fixed costs associated with not operating out of a traditional brick and mortar establishment are the hallmark of the business model and allow the owners to turn a profit with fewer overhead costs. Consistent with the business model, these mobile and semi-permanent food vendors usually do not include formal seating areas beyond a picnic table or plastic chair, obviating the need for a lavatory or toilet, on site.

Requiring an on-site lavatory and toilet is inconsistent with the business model, cuts into the entrepreneur’s profits and generally makes running a mobile or semi-permanent food service business less competitive and more cumbersome. The Board of County Commissioners champions small businesses and is an advocate for reducing costs and regulations affecting local entrepreneurs. Eliminating the mandate of an on-site lavatory for mobile and semi-permanent food services serves as a direct benefit to those small business owners and encourages business development for the benefit of both the local and state economies.

For these reasons, the Board strongly encourages a favorable report for Senate Bill 714.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND

By:   
John F. Barr, President

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Senate Finance Committee  
Chair Pamela Beidle  
Vice Chair Antonio Hayes  
3 West Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Chair Beidle, Vice Chair Hayes, and Members of the Finance Committee,

I am a small business owner in Washington County that would be positively affected by Senate Bill 714, and I am writing to voice my support of this legislation.

This bill provides much-needed clarity and flexibility for food service operations like mine, allowing for temporary outdoor seating. The bill reflects an understanding of the practical challenges faced by small, local-based, and seasonal businesses that hold semi-permanent or mobile vendor licenses and helps reduce unnecessary regulatory burdens that can limit our ability to operate efficiently.

This balanced approach will allow my small businesses to continue serving the public responsibly while supporting local economies and communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Fawn Strite

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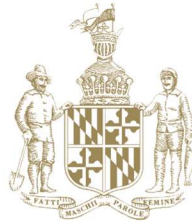
PAUL D. CORDERMAN  
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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

March 12, 2026

Senate Finance Committee  
Chair Pamela Beidle  
Vice Chair Antonio Hayes  
3 West Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**Testimony In Support of SB 714 - Washington County - Mobile Food Service Facilities and Semipermanent Food Service Facilities - Toilet and Lavatory Facilities**

Chair Beidle, Vice Chair Hayes, and Members of the Finance Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to present Senate Bill 714. SB 714 is a Washington County specific bill that provides regulatory clarity for emerging and nontraditional food service operations. SB 714 clearly defines mobile and semipermanent food service facilities and updates how certain health requirements apply by helping to ensure that public health standards remain strong while recognizing how these businesses actually operate.

SB 714 is a practical approach to supporting local economic activity, particularly meeting the needs of economic development in rural settings. By allowing reasonable flexibility for certain mobile and semipermanent facilities, Senate Bill 714 will help small businesses operate more efficiently while still maintaining appropriate sanitation and safety standards specific to emerging and nontraditional food service operations.

Thank you for your consideration of this bill, and we respectfully request a favorable report on SB 714.

Sincerely,

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Senator Paul D. Corderman – District 2, Washington & Frederick Counties

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Senate Finance Committee  
Chair Pamela Beidle  
Vice Chair Antonio Hayes  
3 East Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Chair Beidle, Vice Chair Antonio Hayes and Members of the Finance Committee,

I am writing to express my support of the proposed legislation **SB714: Washington County - Mobile Food Service Facilities and Semipermanent Food Service Facilities - Toilet and Lavatory Facilities**. My name is Molly McCook, and I am a current resident and small business owner in Washington County, MD.

Less than a year ago, we opened Lightsome Coffee, our dream business a small coffee trailer. Since our first day of operation we have remained in the same location, working hard to build something meaningful for our community. As new business owners, we have quickly realized that the most important and rewarding part of our work is creating a space where people can gather, connect, and feel welcome. We poured our hearts into creating a beautiful space for the community, including placing temporary picnic tables around our camper. The tables were constantly filled with patrons throughout the week.

Within a month of opening, this was quickly shut down by the health department, threatening our license and ability to operate if the picnic tables were ever placed out. For young, first-time business owners who had invested everything into opening a compliant small business, this was both devastating and frightening. We quickly removed the tables worried about how this would impact our business and the community we had worked so hard to build. Throughout the rest of the summer, we had many people bringing their own chairs and blankets to be able to gather and continue using our little space. This proved that there was a desire in the community to gather and connect, but no means to meet this desire.

This proposed bill will allow small businesses like mine to foster a sense of connection once again. People come together over coffee. Having the ability to invite them to stay and share time with one another would truly be a dream come true, not just for business owners, but for the communities we serve. I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report.

Sincerely,

Molly McCook, Part-Owner of Lightsome Coffee

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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

March 17, 2026

The Honorable Senator Pamela Beidle  
Finance Committee  
3 East Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chair Beidle,

The Washington County Senators unanimously support SB 714 (HB 1233) – Washington County Mobile Food Service Facilities and Semipermanent Food Service Facilities – Toilet and Lavatory Facilities. We respectfully request your support for this bill.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Senator Paul D. Corderman – District 2, Washington & Frederick Counties

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Senator Mike McKay – District 1, Allegany, Garrett & Washington Counties

# **Signed Letter of Support Cow's Cones.pdf**

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February 27, 2026

Kirk Wenner  
Cow's Cones  
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My name is Kirk Wenner, and I am the owner of Cow's Cones, a small business located in Washington County, Maryland. I writing to express my strong support for Senate Bill 714, Washington County – Mobile Food Service Facilities and Semipermanent Food Service Facilities – Toilet and Lavatory Facilities.

Last season, I was required to remove all outdoor seating at my established ice cream trailer location, where I have operated successfully for many years. There was considerable discussion regarding whether my operation should be classified as a mobile or semi-permanent. However, regardless of classification, I was informed that I could not provide outdoor tables unless I installed permanent toilet and lavatory facilities.

As a result, my customers were extremely disappointed. Families who traditionally visited Cow's Cones to enjoy ice cream, play games and spend quality time together were forced to either eat in their vehicles or stop visiting altogether. The loss of outdoor seating significantly impacted the customer experience and posed a serious threat to my business' ability to financially survive. We were fortunate to endure the season due to strong community support, but the hardship was undeniable. (The County also granted a variance late in the season. We were allowed to reinstall our outdoor seating if we maintained portable lavatory and toilet facilities).

The requirement to install permanent toilet and lavatory facilities presents an undue financial burden that my small business simply cannot afford. I know I am not alone in the challenge. Other small businesses in our county have been similarly affected, and without legislative change, some may ultimately be forced to close doors.

From a public perspective, it is difficult to understand why a business that safely provides food to the community cannot offer outdoor seating. To most residents, this is a matter of simple common sense. I respectfully agree.

I commend Senator Corderman for introducing Senate Bill 714 and urge you to support this important measure for the sake of small business and the communities WE serve!

Sincerely,

*Kirk Wenner, owner Cow's Cones*

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