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Delegate Melissa Wells  
Chair, House Government, Labor, and Elections Committee  
145 Lowe House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: SUPPORT for HB 1526 (SB 959): Carroll County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class 1 Distillery On-Premises Consumption Permit

Dear Chair Wells and Members of the Government, Labor, and Elections Committee:

The Carroll County Board of Commissioners supports House Bill 1526 (SB 959): Carroll County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class 1 Distillery On-Premises Consumption Permit.

HB 1526 establishes a Class 1 Distillery On-Premises Consumption Permit in Carroll County. The bill authorizes the Board of License Commissioners to issue a permit to a holder of a Class 1 distillery license, allowing the sale of food, nonalcoholic beverages, and spirits produced at the distillery for on-premises consumption.


This bill applies only in Carroll County and maintains local control and regulatory oversight. It requires Health Department approval for food service, requires a clearly delineated diagram separating manufacturing and consumption areas, and authorizes the local Board to adopt regulations and establish an annual permit fee.


HB 1526 supports small manufacturers, enhances agritourism opportunities, and ensures that appropriate safeguards remain in place. It provides flexibility while preserving the County’s ability to regulate responsibly.

For these reasons, the Carroll County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests a favorable report on House Bill 1526.

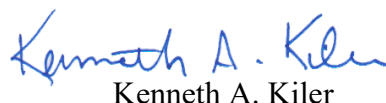
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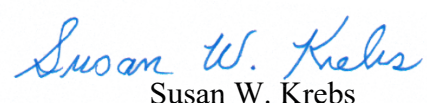
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