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February 11, 2026

Wicomico County Delegation
Attn: Delegate Christopher T. Adams, Chair
Lowe House Office Building, Room 405
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Delegate Adams and Members of the Eastern Shore Delegation,

Re: Wicomico County – Class A Beer, Wine, and Liquor License – Alterations
Letter of Support – Bill Draft 6lr1900

Dear Members of the Wicomico County Delegation:

We are writing to express our support for Bill No. 6lr1900, entitled "*Wicomico County – Class A Beer, Wine, and Liquor License – Alterations.*" The main purpose of this bill is to remove the current requirement that a business must first operate as a restaurant (Class B license holder) in order to qualify for a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license. Under this legislation, beginning July 1, 2026, new Class A licenses would no longer be tied to a restaurant operation.

The bill also protects businesses that already hold these licenses by allowing them to continue renewing their licenses. In addition, the bill indicates that a Class A License may not be issued to an establishment with retail floor space of more than 3,500 square feet. Further, it limits the number of Class A licenses in the County to three licenses, one per county councilmanic district to ensure fair distribution across the county.

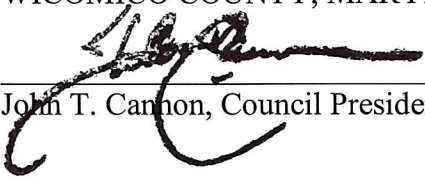
The Council does request one technical amendment to the bill. Specifically, line 25 on page 3 should be amended to clarify that a license holder may purchase liquor for retail sale from a county dispensary or from a wholesaler.

The Council believes this change will modernize the licensing process, provide clarity, and ensure a fair and structured approach moving forward.

The Wicomico County Council respectfully requests your favorable consideration of Bill No. 6lr1900 during the 2026 Legislative Session.

Sincerely,

WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND



John T. Cannon, Council President

Enclosure

cc: Wicomico County Council
Wicomico County Executive
Bunky Luffman, Director of Administration