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Testimony for Senator Hayes in Support of Senate Bill 0927- Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - Related Event Promoter's Permit

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Dear Madam Chair Wells, Vice Chair Kerr, and Members of the Government, Labor, and Elections Committee,

The Kappa Alpha Psi Conclave has continued to be a cultural and economic success for the nation. This bill was created to enhance the oversight and safety of large events tied to the Kappa Alpha Psi Conclave by ensuring that alcohol service is properly licensed and by establishing accountability for promoters and caterers. This initiative seeks to balance the promotion of tourism with the need for public safety and regulatory compliance.

SB 927 establishes essential application requirements, including the 30 days prior to an event in which a person, or business entity must apply for the permit. It also defines specific terms such as “related event promoter” to include individuals or organizations promoting social events related to the Kappa Alpha Psi Conclave. SB 927 defines critical aspects such as the \$50 application fee and penalties in the case this law is violated. This bill expires December 31st, 2027 unless renewed.

SB 927 is an urgent measure to ensure that Baltimore City can safely and responsibly host the Kappa Alpha Conclave. This bill provides the structure needed to manage these events effectively while preserving the economic and cultural benefits the Kappa Alpha Conclave brings to the city.

I urge you to vote favorably on SB0927.

Respectfully,

Senator Antonio L. Hayes

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