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February 17, 2021

The Honorable Delegate Dereck E. Davis
Economics Matters Committee
House Office Building, Room 231
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: HB 12 - Alcoholic Beverages - Sale or Delivery for Off-Premises Consumption
FAVORABLE with AMENDMENTS

Dear Delegate Davis:

We support HB 12 with the following amendments:

- 1) Sunset Clause - We recognize the challenges facing the restaurant and bar industry as well as many others in the Hospitality Industry. HB 12 codifies Governor Hogan's Executive Order permitting on premise licensees to add a beer, wine or spirits beverages along with a takeout food order. This permissive activity has been viewed favorably among on premise licensees. We support this legislation provided that a sunset provision giving the local licensing board the discretion to determine if or when this permissive activity is ended.
2) Fees - Because this new policy will necessitate additional administration oversight and potential enforcement activities for local liquor boards, we would encourage the language in the legislation, prohibiting a local licensing board from establishing a fee, be struck. Whether a fee is established or not, should be left to the discretion of the local licensing board.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this legislation.

Respectfully,

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY
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Christopher M. Corchiarino, President

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