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Senator Paul Pinsky
Chair
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
2 West Miller Senate Office Building Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**HB 814- St. Mary's County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Annual Fees
SUPPORT**

Dear Chairman Pinsky and Members of the Committee,

This bill is intended to simply give a very small amount of relief to the local restaurant industry in St. Mary's County. The bill exempts the liquor license fee that a bar or restaurant would pay for the 2021/22 license year, providing that they paid the fee for the previous year. This represents – 65 restaurants, range from \$400 to \$650 and 51 bars, range from \$250 to \$650.

While we all know that this amount is not going to make or break any business, we do want to provide a help where we can, and feel that this is something that we should do, as these businesses were, and continue be so heavily restricted, due to the pandemic.

This bill is supported by the St. Mary's County Board of County Commissioners, the Mayor of Leonardtown, and the St. Mary's County Delegation. I ask that this bill be given a favorable report. Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matt Morgan".

Matt Morgan
Chair,
St. Mary's County Delegation