



City of Havre de Grace

711 PENNINGTON AVENUE, HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND 21078
WWW.HAVREDEGRACEMD.COM

410- 939-1800
410- 575-7043

February 21, 2022

The Honorable C.T. Wilson
Chair, Economic Matters Committee
Room 231
House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: FAVORABLE - HB 493 – Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Service Under Stadium License

Chairman Wilson and the honorable members of the Economic Matters Committee:

The City of Havre de Grace supports House Bill 493. HB 493 repeals the requirement that an individual may serve beer, wine, and liquor under a Harford County stadium beer, wine, and liquor license only in a plastic, styrofoam, or paper container and authorizes an individual to serve beer, wine, and liquor by the drink and by the bottle, from one or more outlets, for on-premises consumption. The bill also specifies that an individual may serve beer, wine, and liquor in a glass container only on the club level or in a dining area where patrons are seated

Ripken Stadium, located in the nearby City of Aberdeen, is a major employer and economic generator for the entire County, especially the surrounding communities.

The items proposed in HB 493 would reduce the compliance burden placed on Ripken Stadium and as such would have a positive impact on the surrounding local economy.

The City of Havre de Grace respectfully requests the committee give HB 493 a favorable report.