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# Waverly Improvement Association

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Waverly Improvement Association of Baltimore City has recently become aware of Maryland House Bill 587 introduced by Maryland House Delegate Tony Bridges and Maryland Senate Bill 765 introduced by Maryland Senator Jill Carter. From the understanding of the Waverly Improvement Association, the community association who represents the Waverly community in Baltimore City in Senatorial District 43 and House District 43A, HB 587 and SB 765 conflicts with HB 251 filed by Delegate Regina Boyce and SB 381 filed by Senator Mary Washington due to the fact that HB 251 and SB 381 proposes to repeal the restriction of disallowing any liquor establishment in District 43 from obtaining an A-7 license and repealing the sunset date of July 1, 2022 for approvals of new A-7 licenses and due to the fact that both bills will allow a District 43 liquor establishment to obtain an A-7 license. We are requesting for HB 587 and SB 765 to be amended to reflect HB 251 and SB 381 and keep the section allowing for the specific liquor establishment in District 41 to obtain their A-7 license.

We are writing this letter requesting an amendment because we have an executed MoU with a liquor establishment located within the Waverly Main Street commercial district that is located within the 43rd Senate legislative district and the 43A House legislative district known as the Stadium Lounge. This MoU is contingent upon the license holder, Mr. Domingo Kim, obtaining an A-7 liquor license, something he has stated to the Waverly Improvement Association during MoU negotiations that he is willing to do so but has been unable to do so since the execution due to the legislative restriction which

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disallowed **ANY** liquor establishment within the 43rd state legislative district from obtaining an A-7 license, HB 251 and SB 381 would allow this liquor establishment in District 43 to successfully obtain their A-7 license.

Please consider this information during discussions on whether to approve or not approve House Bill 587/Senate Bill 765 that a liquor establishment who has worked with the Waverly community in Baltimore City for a long time to greatly improve its conditions upon request by the Waverly community wants to obtain an A-7 liquor license to fulfill the MoU but currently cannot do so. If House Bill 251/Senate Bill 381 is enacted, as of July 1, 2023, this establishment will finally be able to obtain an A-7 license and will be finally bound by an MoU that was executed on November 5, 2021 but could not take effect due to Mr. Kim was unable to obtain an A-7 liquor license at the time of the MoU execution due to the location restriction that's in the current law for the A-7 liquor license for Baltimore City but if HB 587 and SB 765 is passed as-is, it is to our knowledge that the conflict would not allow the Stadium Lounge to obtain their A-7 license.

We would greatly appreciate it if the Senate Finance Committee would consider this information during approval deliberations involving Senate Bill 765 and work with Delegate Regina Boyce and Senator Mary Washington along with Delegate Tony Bridges and Senator Jill Carter to resolve this conflict so both liquor establishments within District 41 and 43 can obtain their A-7 liquor licenses.

If anyone has any questions or concerns, please email the Waverly Improvement Association at [bod@waverlyimprovement.org](mailto:bod@waverlyimprovement.org)

Sincerely,

Waverly Improvement Association Board of Directors

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