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HB 574- St. Mary's County - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Multiple Licensing Plans

SUPPORT

February 4, 2025

The Honorable C.T. Wilson, Chairman
Economic Matters Committee
230 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: HB 574 - St. Mary's County - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Multiple Licensing Plans

Dear Chairman Wilson:

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County **SUPPORT House Bill 574 - St. Mary's County - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Multiple Licensing Plans** which is being heard in the Economic Matters Committee.

St. Mary's County does not currently have legislation authorizing its Alcohol Beverage Board to issue more than one Class B beer, wine and liquor license to any given individual. This has limited individual operators and entrepreneurs from expanding in St. Mary's County. We believe the enactment of the proposed legislation will provide greater opportunity for economic success for these individuals and improve our business climate in the hospitality and service industries.

We request a favorable report on House Bill 574. We support the introduction of this legislation and believe it would benefit the citizens of St. Mary's County. Thank you for your consideration as well as your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY


James Randy Guy, President

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