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RE: PG 309-13 – Prince George's County – City of College Park – Sales by License Holders

Dear Chair Ivey and Delegation Members:

I am writing in support of PG 309-13. The City of College Park voted in favor of PG 309-13 as a legislative priority in order to further boost economic development in one of the City's most historic neighborhoods.

The City of College Park was approached by a locally owned restaurant who would like to apply for an alcoholic beverage license. The restaurant is unable to apply for a license under current law because the building is located within 1,000 feet of a school. The school is a private institution. The governing board of the school is supportive of College Park's efforts to help this establishment enhance their business by adding beer and wine to the menu.

Currently in Prince George's County, alcoholic beverage licenses may not be granted for the sale of alcoholic beverages in any building located within 1,000 feet of a school building, or within 500 feet of a place of worship. An exemption exists for the Hyattsville Gateway Arts and Entertainment District located on U.S. Route 1, where the main entrance of a building selling alcoholic beverages may be only 350 feet from a place of worship. We propose amending the law to enable the City of College Park to decide on a case specific basis whether or not to reduce the 1,000 feet requirement for a school building and the 500 feet requirement for a church.

We ask for your support on this legislation.

Sincerely,

Andrew M. Fellows
Mayor

cc: 21st District Delegation
Craig Moe, Mayor, City of Laurel