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The Honorable Joan Carter Conway  
Chairwoman  
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee  
Maryland State Senate  
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**Re: SB479 – Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – Marketplace License**

Chairwoman Conway,

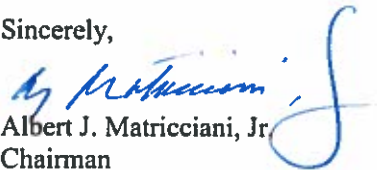
On behalf of the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City (BLLC) I respectfully request a **favorable report with amendments** for SB 479 – Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – Marketplace License.

SB479 would create a Marketplace License in the 40<sup>th</sup> Legislative District allowing alcoholic beverages to be furnished, distributed, and consumed on premise by various concessionaires licensed under one-license holder. Under this bill, these vendors would have the opportunity to complement their food offerings with alcoholic beverage service without expending a required capital investment and seating capacity standard to obtain their own Class "B" Beer and Wine, or Class "B" Beer, Wine, and Liquor License.<sup>1</sup> An applicant for this license must invest \$1,000,000 of capital dollars into the establishment and produce average daily receipts from food that are at least 51% of total receipts from the marketplace sales.

The BLLC also supports the amendments to SB479 that: (1) incorporate a rated fire capacity requirement; and (2) authorize the holder to obtain a growler permit, but otherwise prohibit off-premises sales; and (3) raise the annual fee for the marketplace license to \$6,000.

For the reasons stated, BLLC respectfully requests a **favorable report with amendments**. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this written testimony. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of my staff.

Sincerely,

  
Albert J. Matricciani, Jr.  
Chairman  
Board of Liquor License Commissioners  
For Baltimore City

<sup>1</sup> Alc. Bev. Art. §12-1603(c)(ii) requires an applicant to provide \$200,000 in capital investment, provide seating capacity for at least 75 persons, and daily receipts from food that are at least 40% of total receipts.