

January 23, 2018

The Honorable Anne R. Kaiser Ways and Means Committee House Office Building 6 Bladen Street Annapolis, MD. 21401

Re: HB 0066 – Sales and Use Tax – Alcoholic Beverages – Rate Reduction – **Support**

Dear Delegate Kaiser:

House Bill 0066 reducing from 9% to 6% the rate of the sales and use tax applied to certain sales of alcoholic beverages.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, a business advocacy organization of around 600 members, supports this bill as it will create a more competitive taxation environment as compared to our neighboring States as well as slightly easing the fiscal burden on the purchasing of alcohol for the States consumers and small businesses.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce requests that you give this bill a favorable report.

Sincerely,

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President

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CC: Delegate Haven Shoemaker

Senator Justin Ready