



February 25, 2025

Ways and Means Committee
Delegate Vanessa E. Atterbeary
Room 131
House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: HB 0997 – Admissions and Amusement Tax – Food and Beverages – **Oppose**

Dear Delegates Atterbeary:

This bill will impose further taxes on consumers and will reduce their use of these businesses. Taxes on alcohol are already high. This bill will as a result hurt local businesses affected by these additional taxes. Businesses do their best to keep their services affordable and these additional taxes will cause these products to be more expensive, forcing businesses to either keep prices lower than they should be (further reducing profits) or perhaps lose business if charging a fair price that has additional higher taxes.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, a business advocacy organization of nearly 700 members, **opposes** this bill. We therefore request that you give this bill an **unfavorable** report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike McMullin".

Mike McMullin
President
Carroll County Chamber of Commerce

CC: Delegate Chris Tomlinson
Senator Justin Ready