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Hon. Brandon M. Scott
President, Baltimore City Council
100 N. Holliday Street,
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Re: Council Bill 20-0223R - "Approval for the Exchange of a Class B-D-7 License to a Class A-7 License – for Use at 5601 Eastern Avenue k/a 5701A Fleet Street"

President Scott,

I write to you today concerning City Council Bill 20-0223R, which was introduced by Councilman Zeke Cohen. If adopted this resolution would allow for the holder of a Class BD7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor (BWL) license, located at 5601 Eastern Avenue k/a 5701A Fleet Street to apply with the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City (BLLC) to exchange said license for a Class A-7 BWL License.

In 2019 the Maryland General Assembly (MGA) passed HB637, which allowed the transferee of a Class BD7 license that is successfully transferred from the 3600 block of Fleet Street to the 5600 block of Eastern Avenue to apply with the Board to exchange the license for a Class A-7 license for use at the Eastern Avenue location before July 1, 2021.

The Board is in receipt of an application to transfer ownership of a Class BD7 license from 3607 Fleet Street to 5601 Eastern Avenue k/a 5701A Fleet Street. Upon approval by the Board of the transfer of ownership of this license, the successful transferee of the license – the current applicant is Y56 BWA Operator, LLC – would then, after passage of Council Bill 20-223R, be eligible to exchange the BD7 license for an A-7 license at this location.

If successfully transferred and exchanged, current law would authorize the holder of a Class A-7 BWL license holder located at 5601 Eastern Avenue k/a 5701A Fleet Street to sell Beer, Wine, and Liquor at retail for off-premise consumption from 9:00 am to 10:00 pm 7-days per week.

Accordingly, the BLLC has no objections to the adoption of this resolution. If you have any other questions or concerns regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-396-4385.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Thomas R. Akras".

Thomas R. Akras
Deputy Executive Secretary