

## Greater Remington Improvement Association www.griaonline.org (410) 620-4742

March 24, 2021

Baltimore City Council Economic and Community Development Committee

Attention: Ms. Jennifer Coates

100 N. Holliday Street Baltimore, MD 21202

Chair Green Middleton and Members of the Economic and Community Development Committee:

The Greater Remington Improvement Association is writing to express our unconditional support for CB #21-0055 - Zoning - Conditional Use Retail Goods Establishment (With Alcoholic Beverage Sales) - 2600 North Howard Street.

The owner of John Brown General and Butchery and representatives from Seawall Development met with the GRIA Land Use Committee on Wednesday, March 3rd, 2021 and presented their intention to pursue a Class B license as well as legislation to permit transfer of an existing Class A Beer, Wine, and Liquor License to the property. The GRIA Land Use Committee voted to support both requests unconditionally, and that vote was affirmed by the full GRIA Board on Wednesday, March 10th, 2021.

GRIA also held a memorandum of understanding with the prior tenant and property owner to maintain the fire pit as a public space. This memorandum has been updated and agreed upon by the property owner and new tenants.

We are thrilled to see this property reopen and support our community with butchery, general store needs, alcohol, and restaurant space, and **encourage the committee and full council to support this legislation and expedite its passage.** 

Sincerely,

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