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The Honorable Eric Costello Chair, Ways and Means Committee Sent via email

## Re: 24-0221R Approval of Exchange from a Class BD7 license to an A7 License for use at 3601 Elm Avenue

Honorable Chair Costello and Distinguished Members of the Ways and Means Committee:

I am writing to ask your support for 24-0221R Approval of the Exchange from a Class BD7 license to an A7 License for use at 3601 Elm Avenue.

The Wine Source is located on 3601 Elm Avenue and has been for over 20 years. At the time they were established, a BD7 license was appropriate according to the liquor laws and the zoning code at the time. Several changes have been made to those laws since that time, and this request ensures that the Wine Source is no longer operating in a non-conforming manner.

Moreover, this request solidifies the agreements that have been established with the community as to hours, parking, and other items.

The BD7 license is a tavern license in the current code. The Wine Source has not been nor ever will be a tavern. It is a beer, wine, and liquor carry out business, and so the use of the A7 license is more appropriate.

The Wine Source has not only served the Hampden community, but the entire City of Baltimore. Their dedication to the community is unmatched. The community supports this action as well.

I am humbly requesting your support for this resolution for the liquor license change.

Respectfully Submitted,

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