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Honorable Nick J. Mosby President, Baltimore City Council 100 N. Holliday Street, Suite 400 Baltimore, MD 21202

Re: City Council Bill 21-0055 - Zoning - Conditional Use Retail Goods Establishment (With Alcoholic Beverages Sales) - 2600 North Howard Street

President Mosby,

I write to you concerning City Council Bill 21-0055, which was introduced by Councilmember Robert Stokes. If enacted, this bill would grant permission for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a retail goods establishment (with alcoholic beverages sales) on the property known as 2600 North Howard Street, as outlined in red on the plat accompanying the Ordinance, in accordance with Baltimore City Zoning Code §§ 5-201(a) and Table 10-301 (C-2), subject to the condition that the retail goods establishment (with alcoholic beverages sales) complies with all applicable federal, state, and local licensing and certification requirements.

Zoning authority rests with the local government, and if this bill were to become law, then the owner or the tenant of the owner of this property would be able to apply and obtain a Use & Occupancy Permit from the City of Baltimore allowing for the use described in this bill. Such a Use Permit is a pre-condition under State law to be eligible for the Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) for Baltimore City to license any premises for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages. Assuming this property owner or their tenant were to obtain such a Use Permit authorized by this bill, then they would be eligible to apply to the BLLC for an alcoholic beverages license.

The BLLC has no objections and takes no position on the enactment of City Council Bill 21-0055.

If you have any other questions or concerns regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Nicholas T.R. Blendy, Esq. Deputy Executive Secretary