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TO: Mayor Pantelides

Annapolis City Council

FROM: Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

RE: SB 89 City of Annapolis – Alcoholic Beverages – Election Days

The Annapolis Alcoholic Beverage Control Board would like to submit to you the following comments on SB 89 City of Annapolis – Alcoholic Beverages – Election Days:

Article 2B, Section 11-401(b) currently prohibits, with the exception of on premise restaurant sales, the sale of alcohol on the day of any general, primary or special election day during the hours when the polls are open in any election district or precinct where an election is being held.

All but two (Annapolis and Talbot County) of the licensing jurisdictions in the State are already exempted from this rule. The requested amendment will add the City of Annapolis.

The Members of the Annapolis Alcoholic Beverage Control Board have reviewed SB 89 and support its passage. We see no reason to disallow the sale of alcohol by our retail licensees on election days.

Your support for this bill is appreciated. If I can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to call.

Yours trail

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