

# News Release

## PHOTO RELEASE: Comptroller Lierman Tours Garrett and Allegany Counties

*Comptroller meets local business owners, tours redevelopment project during  
visit to Western Maryland*

**ANNAPOLIS, Md. (September 13, 2024)** — Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman continued her Take a Look with Brooke tour on Friday with visits with business and community leaders in Garrett and Allegany Counties.

Comptroller Lierman began her tour in Garrett County, where she visited the county's newest brewery, Brewery and the Beast. Brewery and the Beast, owned by Craig and Charlie Frazee along with their partner, Brandy Wilt, it is the only brewery in the county producing beer on site. During her visit, Comptroller Lierman presented the owners with a citation to celebrate the brewery's official opening on September 6.



***Comptroller Lierman presented a citation to the owners of Brewery and the Beast in Accident, Maryland.***

Comptroller Lierman then visited the Beitzel Corporation, one of Garrett County's largest employers. The company, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary, has 600 employees and holds contracts serving coal mines and industrial facilities across 46

states. Comptroller Lierman also presented a citation recognizing Beitzel's 50 years in business.



***Comptroller Lierman toured Beitzel Corporation facilities in Grantsville and presented a citation in honor of its 50<sup>th</sup> year in operation. Comptroller Lierman was joined by Grantsville Mayor Emily Newman-Edwards (left) and Delegate Jim Hinebaugh (front row, second from left).***





***Comptroller Lierman toured the Grow West Cannabis Company in Cumberland.***

Comptroller Lierman then traveled to Allegany County where she toured the Grow West Cannabis Company production facility in Cumberland. Grow West Cannabis Company has expanded its growing operation from 18 employees to nearly 200 employees since 2018, and also has a dispensary located in Cumberland.



***Comptroller Lierman toured the progress of the Baltimore Street Revitalization Project in Cumberland.***

Comptroller Lierman continued her focus on economic development in the region, touring the Baltimore Street Revitalization Project. She participated in the project's groundbreaking shortly after taking office in 2023.

"The progress on Baltimore Street has been really phenomenal and exciting seeing all the new businesses open up even before the street is finished," Comptroller Lierman said. "This project demonstrates the importance of public investment and shows that private investment will follow, when public investment is done in a strategic way."





***"Show me the money" mint chocolate chip ice cream (a Comptroller Lierman favorite) was one of Friday's flavors at Queen City Scoops.***

The walking tour included the Rosenbaum Building (a former department store) with stops at Queen City Scoops and D'Atri's Restaurant. Officials in Cumberland say there will be 18 new businesses open along the Baltimore Street when the ribbon is cut on the redevelopment project in November.



***Comptroller Lierman with staff from the agency's Cumberland Branch Office.***

While in Cumberland, Comptroller Lierman also visited the agency's Cumberland Branch Office, which is located in the Allegany Museum. The Comptroller's Office has [11 branch offices](#) throughout the state.

**[View photos from the Tour of Garrett and Allegany Counties.](#)**

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