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Maryland Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
William C. Smith, Jr., *Chair*
Miller Senate Office Building, 2 East
11 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Senate Bill 508 - Support

Dear Chairman Smith:

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 508 – St. Mary's County - Possession of Tobacco Product or Electronic Smoking Device by an Individual Under the Age of 21 Years – Prohibition. This bill is the result of an issue brought to my attention by the St. Mary's County Public Schools regarding possession of tobacco products and electronic smoking devices by students. Senate Bill 508 would resolve an unintended consequence caused by last year's law that repealed the prohibition on possession of a tobacco product by a minor in St. Mary's County.

I request a favorable report on Senate Bill 508. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

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