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**BILL NO.: HB 1011**

**TITLE:** Cigarettes, Other Tobacco Products, and Electronic Smoking Devices - Local Law Authorization

**SPONSOR:** Delegate Rosenberg

**COMMITTEE:** Economic Matters

**POSITION:** **SUPPORT**

**DATE:** February 24, 2021

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** House Bill 1011 – Cigarettes, Other Tobacco Products, and Electronic Smoking Devices - Local Law Authorization. This enabling legislation authorizes local governments to regulate the sale and distribution of cigarettes, other tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices.

The marketing and use of tobacco products have disproportionately disparate effects on different communities. This targeted messaging disproportionately effects black and brown communities and has fueled the use of these products by young people. A one size fits all approach to tobacco regulation simply does not reflect the necessary approach to address this deeply-rooted issue.

By enabling local jurisdictions to enact their own tobacco regulations, HB 1011 allows for a systematic, self-determined, and locally informed approach to tobacco policy. Preserving and protecting the health and safety of local communities and youth has always been a top priority for Baltimore County; this legislation strengthens that mission.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests a **FAVORABLE** report on HB 1011. For more information, please contact Chuck Conner, Director of Government Affairs, at [cconner@baltimorecountymd.gov](mailto:cconner@baltimorecountymd.gov).