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TO: The Honorable Delores G. Kelley, Chair
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RE: **SUPPORT ONLY IF AMENDED** – Senate Bill 273 – *Electronic Smoking Device Regulation Act of 2021*

On behalf of the Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi) and the Maryland Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (MDAAP), we **support** Senate Bill 273, **only if the legislation is amended.**

MedChi and MDAAP appreciate the efforts of the sponsor to further limit access to and the use of electronic smoking devices through the introduction of Senate Bill 273, which proposes a number of changes to the current law regarding those objectives. Unfortunately, in reviewing the provisions, it is not clear that without further strengthening prohibitions and restrictions that it will demonstrably change access. Further, some of the language is difficult to interpret and, therefore, could lead to unintended consequences that further undermines what appears to be the sponsor's intent. Both MedChi and MDAAP are willing to work with the sponsor and other stakeholders to address these concerns. However, without further amendment, they are unable to support the passage of the legislation as written.

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