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To: Chair Kelley, Vice-Chair Feldman and Members of the Finance Committee.

My name is Harold Lloyd, III. I am the President of the Anne Arundel County NAACP Youth and College Division. We respectfully submit our support for SB 410 because we that counties and municipalities should have every right to enact and enforce laws that will be beneficial to their constituents. The counties and municipalities in the state of Maryland are not monolithic and local leaders should be able to respond to their region's needs in the best way possible, even if it is different from the rest of the state's agenda. Our state government should not hinder a county or municipality from doing right by their constituents, prohibiting them from making the correct decision is unethical.

We have a moral obligation to fight for people who are marginalized no matter the circumstances at the NAACP, and we believe that people of color are the most underrepresented, underserved, and marginalized groups in our state. This bill will prevent children in specific counties from having easy access to deleterious substances such as tobacco and electronic products. There has to be some type of regulation created to protect areas that are affected the most by this particular issue and SB 410 will give county and municipal leaders the power to protect their community.

We are asking each of you to please consider a positive report for SB 410, our future relies on it.

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