

I am writing this letter to express our strong opposition to SB 1056.

We have implemented processes and procedures to make sure we are checking ID's and selling age restricted products to individuals that meet the requirements.

The news of Maryland considering a restriction on E-Vapor Sales exclusively to Vape Shops has deeply disheartened us. If SB 1056 is passed, it would have a significant impact on all convenience store owners in the state. Tobacco products, including vapor products, constitute a substantial portion, approximately 20%, of our business. Implementing this proposal would not only harm our business but also negatively affect other convenience stores throughout Maryland.

A ban on selling these products in our stores would result in a loss of revenue and jobs. Additionally, it would divert sales to vape shops and neighboring states, further exacerbating the economic impact. Our family works tirelessly every day, paying taxes and adhering to all necessary licenses and regulations. However, this extreme measure would make it incredibly challenging for us to sustain our business operations.

We kindly request your support in opposing SB 1056 and preserving the livelihood of small businesses like ours. Our stores are an integral part of the community, and we strive to serve our customers to the best of our abilities. Thank you for taking the time to consider our heartfelt statement.

Sincerely,

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