

Dear Delegates,

I am writing this letter to express our strong opposition to SB 1056. We have implemented robust processes and procedures to ensure that we diligently check ID's and sell age-restricted products only to individuals who meet the necessary 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 and detrimental impact on all convenience store owners in the state. Tobacco products, including vapor products, make up a substantial portion, approximately 20%, of our business. Implementing this proposal would not only harm our business but also have negative consequences for other convenience stores throughout Maryland.

A ban on selling these products in our stores would result in a substantial loss of revenue and jobs. Furthermore, it would divert sales to vape shops and neighboring states, thereby exacerbating the already challenging economic situation. 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. We believe that by working together, we can find alternative solutions that address concerns without disproportionately impacting our businesses.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our heartfelt statement. We hope that you will carefully weigh the potential consequences of SB 1056 and support the preservation of small businesses in our community.

Sincerely,

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