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TO: House Economic Matters Committee

FROM: Mid-Atlantic Petroleum Distributors Association

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RE: **HOUSE BILL 1197** – Business Regulation – Electronic Smoking Devices Manufacturers -
Certifications

On behalf of Maryland’s convenience stores and energy distributors, MAPDA urges the committee to issue a favorable committee report on HB1197.

This legislation creates a directory of electronic smoking devices (ESDs) allowed for retail in Maryland.

An ESD directory can be an effective tool to stop illicit activity and prevent the sale of counterfeit products. It empowers the state to reinforce federal law and further empowers wholesalers and distributors to know which products are in compliance.

House Bill 1197 will also allow products currently in the market to continue to be sold as long as they have pre-market authorization (PMTA) from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and have met FDA application deadlines.

This legislation will allow manufacturers, distributors, and retailers to know which products may be sold in the state, where today there is ambiguity.

For these reasons, MAPDA respectfully requests a favorable committee report on HB1197.

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MAPDA is an association of convenience stores and energy distributors in Maryland, Delaware & the District of Columbia.