

Support for SB1056

Maryland Vapor Alliance

I am writing on behalf of the Maryland Vapor Alliance (MVA) to offer our support for HB1180 and to express our appreciation for the committee's thoughtful legislation. We believe this legislation will serve to solve problems and no longer reward the bad actors in the industry.

As you are aware, vape products belong in vape shops. The FDA reports have consistently shown that convenience stores and tobacco shops fail compliance checks, while vape shops have a clear track record with none on the current FDA compliance list. This legislation will help to ensure that vape products remain in the hands of responsible retailers, thus ensuring the safety of consumers.

Small business vape shops have played an instrumental role in Maryland's success in coming in second for the lowest smoking rate in the United States. We believe that this legislation will help kickstart Maryland to having the lowest smoking rate in the country. We are confident that this bill will help to protect small business vape shops and promote a healthier Maryland.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter. We appreciate your dedication to the safety and well-being of Maryland's citizens.