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TO: The Honorable Pamela Beidle, Chair
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RE: **SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT** – Senate Bill 987 – *Business Regulation – Electronic Smoking Devices Manufacturers – Certifications*

The Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi), and the Maryland/District of Columbia Society of Clinical Oncology (MDCSCO), **supports with amendment** Senate Bill 987.

Senate Bill 987 establishes the framework for licensure and regulation of electronic smoking device manufacturers whose products are sold in Maryland. It requires tobacco product manufacturers and electronic smoking device manufacturers to meet certification requirements and pay a certification fee. The revenues from the certification fee will be distributed to a special fund to be used by the Office of the Attorney General for enforcement of regulatory oversight.

MedChi and MDCSCO are supportive of bill and its provisions but would like to include an amendment that would allocate a portion of the certification fee revenues to be used for working with a non-profit organization that is recognized by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide harm reduction public health education. By staying informed about the latest research and best practices in harm reduction, healthcare professionals can incorporate evidence-based interventions into their clinical practice and public health efforts. With the adoption of this amendment, MedChi and MDCSCO support Senate Bill 987.

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