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TO: Senate Finance Committee

FROM: Mid-Atlantic Petroleum Distributors Association

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RE: **SENATE BILL 987** – Business Regulation – Electronic Smoking Devices Manufacturers -
Certifications

On behalf of Maryland’s convenience stores and energy distributors, MAPDA requests the committee issue an unfavorable report on SB987.

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.

However, SB987 as introduced, will cause confusion in the marketplace by not allowing certain products already on the shelves to remain. These referenced products have pre-market authorization (PMTA) from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and have met FDA application deadlines.

Instead, the committee may want to consider [HB1197](#) which would allow the aforementioned products to remain in the marketplace. It would also 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 an unfavorable committee report on SB987.

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