

To House Bill 134 (menthol flavor ban)

I, John Karley, of Beltsville, MD 20705. Oppose the Menthol-Flavor ban.

I own three Gas stations and Convenience stores in Prince Georges and Howard County. I have 17 Employees in these locations.

This MENTHOL BAN /FLAVOR BAN will severely damage my business as 60-70% ( \$80,000/per month or \$960,000.00 per year)of my revenue is drawn from these stores. This will surely affect my business, employees , their families, and my family too.

This ban will affect my CUSTOMERS. They will go to surrounding states where there is no menthol ban. This ban will kill all my business as we will start losing revenue from products from the C-Store.

This Ban will promote illicit activities, like folks selling these banned products outside my stores by getting from other states.

In short, this Ban is going to affect my overall business, Employees, and their families as they may be laid off due to lost revenues. **THIS IS GOING TO PUT MORE BURDEN ON THE COUNTY AS WELL AS STATE TO PAY UNEMPLOYMENT AND LOST TAX REVENUES.**

My Humble request: Please do not Ban Menthol/Flavored tobacco products.

Sincerely

John Karley

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