

January 26, 2021

**Testimony on SB 177 / HB 134**  
***Fight Flavored Tobacco in Maryland***

**Position: Favorable**

Tracy Muhammad supports SB 177/HB 134.

SB 177/HB 134 is legislation that would end the sale of all flavored tobacco products in Maryland, including electronic smoking devices, menthol cigarettes, flavored cigars, and smokeless tobacco. We urge passage of a bill without amendments, free from the type of regulatory loopholes Big Tobacco has exploited for decades.

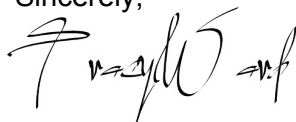
Flavored tobacco products lure kids into a life-long struggle with deadly addiction, hooking them on products in flavors like minty menthol, glazed donut, gummy bear, and cotton candy.

**Selling sweet and fruity flavored tobacco products is intentionally reckless and selfish because it is a lure to young people to travel that wide open road to possible addiction. As a mom, grandmother and active community member I find it offensive that these stores and companies pretend to be naive as to the impact their products will and have had on young people. These products need to be banned and stores need to be heavily fined if found selling them.**

The Faith & Community Against Flavored Tobacco coalition's mission is to stop Big Tobacco from targeting Maryland's children and Black and Brown communities.

To protect the health and futures of Maryland's youth, we must end the sale of **all** flavored tobacco products in Maryland. Urge Maryland legislators to vote yes on SB 177 and HB 134.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tracy Ward', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tracy Ward

A mother, grandmother and active community member