

SB 134 - Business Regulation - Flavored Tobacco Products – Prohibition
Unfavorable
February 8, 2021

Dear House Members,

I do not personally reside in Maryland; however, I work directly with dozens of small businesses in the state that will be financially devastated by the ban on the sale all flavored tobacco proposed in HB 134.

I urge you to consider the economic toll this flavor ban would place on over 6,400 businesses that are licensed to sell tobacco in Maryland. Keep in mind that the individuals working in many of these outlets were designated as “essential workers” and put their own health in peril to serve others throughout the Covid-19 pandemic. If passed, HB 134 will undoubtedly cause many of these upstanding people to lose their jobs. How is this fair to them?

Please consider the thousands of honest and hard-working people that will be forced into unemployment because of the decision before you now. Do not forget them! Vote No on SB 134.

Respectfully,

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