

Dated: February 8th 2021

Subject: Written Testimony to oppose Menthol and Flavor Ban Bill (HB134)

Respected Officials,

I Kena J Desai am writing this testimony on behalf of all 3 Pit N Go located in Western Maryland. Our town is located in one of the smallest county of Maryland. It is my humble request to stop the ban on flavored cigarettes, cigars and chewing tobacco. Our all 3 stores average up to almost 80% of sales on this categories. However, if this ban goes in effect we will not only loose our sales but due to our tristate location our customers will start buying products from either Pennsylvania or West Virginia which are almost 5 minutes from our county, so not to mention that overall our state of Maryland will loose business. Also with tremendous rise in minimum wages in our state it will be a big struggle for our stores to survive with loss of business.

In this pandemic with this ban and loss of business my family and my employees families will struggle financially and also our state will loose overall business too.

We strongly believe that HB134 is not at all in the best interest of small businesses. Hopefully you will consider our urge and not pass this bill which will be overall disaster to businesses and state income too.

Regards

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