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SB177

Hello,

I would like to submit my opposition to this proposed bill. Banning menthol & flavored tobacco products will certainly lead those that use those products to shop elsewhere. That may be other states or even worse via the black market, which certainly will happen.

When the black-market sales begin, not only will our state of Maryland lose tax revenue, more importantly who will be checking the id of the purchaser? NOBODY.

We have seen the struggles already of businesses trying to survive and now this bill will send more business out to Md and force these stores to reduce their staff and hours, eventually leading to more stores forced to go out of business. In addition, what happens to the wholesalers and tobacco industry employees, how will they survive?

Check the growth of tobacco volume in adjoining jurisdictions/states where such prohibition type restrictions are put in place see the growth those businesses gain due to this type of legislation.

Thanks for your time and please vote no to SB177.

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