

Dear Senators,

Good afternoon.

My name is Justin Holmes and I am a resident of Frederick MD. My address 1112 Lakin Dr., Frederick, MD.

I urge you to oppose Senate Bill 177 to ban all flavored tobacco products.

This Senate Bill 177 is a bad idea because of the impact it will have on Maryland's economy and businesses. More than 6,400 licensed Maryland businesses sell tobacco products to 21+ Tobacco Consumers. A large part of these tobacco sales approximately \$641 million annually are comprised of Flavored tobacco products that this proposal would ban.

Thousands of Maryland jobs at legitimate businesses depend on these sales! In addition, Maryland would lose tax revenue from Flavored tobacco sales.

An adult tobacco flavor ban will fuel illegal Flavored Tobacco Sales in our Maryland Market, shifting sales from licensed businesses to the criminal networks that use tobacco smuggling for easy money.

Say NO! to Prohibition!

I urge you to vote against this proposal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Justin Holmes