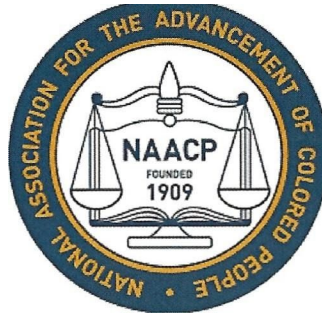


Randallstown Branch of the NAACP



SUPPORT HB183– Randallstown Branch of the NAACP Testimony Public Information Act

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May it be known, the mission of the NAACP is to secure equal rights in order to eliminate race-based discrimination. There is a direct targeted impact on these rights with evidence of more than 39,000 African Americans dying from tobacco-related cancers each year. The tobacco industry has targeted African Americans and strategically marketed its products to appeal to the community for decades leading to high rates of tobacco use in students as early as middle school and adults. We must also explore the indirect impacts that tobacco use has on our communities. Studies have also shown deaths caused by secondhand smoke exposure have a disproportionate impact on African Americans and Hispanic/Latino Americans.

The Randallstown Branch of the NAACP urges a favorable report from the committee on HB 183.