

Aphelion Cigar Lounge 410-721-1700 2510 Conway Road, Ste. 106, Gambrills 21054 Broadleaf Tobacco 410-315-8118 487 Ritchie Highway, #101, Severna Park 21146 Burnt Leaf 443-272-7206 487 Ritchie Highway, #101, Severna Park 21146 Cross Street Tobacco 410-752-9220 1103 Light Street, Baltimore 21230 Dan's Cigar Lounge 410-780-5959 8300-B Pulaski Highway, Rosedale 21237 Davidus Cigars. 301-865-1000 2134 Generals Highway, Annapolis 21401 1300 Bank Street, Baltimore 21231 1716 Liberty Road, Eldersburg 21784 9180 Baltimore National Pike, Ellicott City 21042 529 West South Street, Frederick 21701 25 Olney Sandy-Spring Road, Ashton 20861 10810 Reisterstown Road, Owings Mills 21117 11632 Rockville Pike, Rockville 20852 15922 Shady Grove Road, Gaithersburg 20832 8925 Fingerboard Road, Urbana 21704 23 East Main Street, Westminster 2115725 Allegheny Avenue, Towson 21204 Easton Cigar & Smokeshop 410-770-5084 6 Glenwood Ave, Easton 21601 Etch-Art Awards 410-202-6616 931 Mount Hermon Road, Salisbury 21804 Fire & Smoke Cigar Parlor 443-970-6634 6827 Loch Raven Blvd., Towson 21286 Leonardtown Cigar 240-309-4108 40955 Merchants Lane #14, Leonardtown 20650 Main Street Cigar Company 410-734-4494 2217 E. Churchville Road, Bel Air 21015 Mount Vernon Tobacco 410-728-5669 221 W. Read Street, Baltimore 21201 Mt. Washington Cigar Co. 410-377-4711 5909 Falls Road, Baltimore 21209 Oakleigh Beach Tobacco 410-388-8080 702 Wise Avenue, Dundalk 21222 Office Cigar Lounge at QG 410-685-7428 31 S Calvert St, Ste 300, Baltimore 21202 Quartermasters Cigars 410-898-2134 880 Northeast St. Frederick 21701 Senor Cigars 410-524-2069 11805 Coastal Highway, Ocean City 21842 3314 Coastal Highway, Ocean City 21842 Signature Cigars 301-424-8833 1331 Rockville Pike, Rockville 20852 4919 Cordell Avenue, Bethesda 20814 Spartan Cigar Lounge 443-350-9808 128 East Pulaski Highway, Elkton 21921 The Book Center 301-722-8345 15 North Centre Street, Cumberland 21502 The Humidour Cigar Shoppe 410-666-3212 2 Sherwood Road, Cockeysville 21030 TinderBox #398 301-374-9100 2754 Crain Highway, Waldorf 20601 Titan Cigar 410-721-2944 2634 Chapel Lake Drive, Gambrills 21056 Tobacco Leaf 410-799-2094 7351 Assateague Drive, Jessup 20794 W. Curtis Draper Tobacconist 301-907-7990 4916 Del Ray Avenue, Bethesda 20814

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Opposition for HB 307/SB 292

Chair and members of the Committee,

The Premium Cigar Retailers Association of Maryland represents over 35 adult only brick and mortar premium cigar specialty stores in the State. Members of the PCRAM have appeared before your committee on several matters this legislative term and we thank you for the opportunity to testify again.

We write today in opposition to HB 307/SB 292.

While reducing excess waste is goal that we share, this is not the time to place additional costs and uncertainty on Maryland's small businesses. COVID-19 forced so many businesses to shut down, reduce capacity and put an enormous strain on so many Marylanders. It has been a real challenge for so many of our members to keep the lights on.

Providing incentives for innovation and other methods of reducing waste is a more prudent approach than saddling these small businesses with more paperwork, fees, and overhead costs.

Additionally, there should be an exemption for damp items, such as premium cigars, as there is no other practical way to transport these items. These items need to be wrapped so that they do not lose their moisture during transportation or else the premium cigar will quickly become stale and will result in wasted product.

For these reasons we respectfully ask for an unfavorable report on HB 307/SB 292.

Sincerely

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