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TO: House Economic Matters Committee

FROM: Mid-Atlantic Petroleum Distributors Association

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RE: HOUSE BILL 1441 – Business Regulation – Electronic Smoking Devices Manufacturers -

Certifications

On behalf of Maryland's convenience stores and energy distributors, MAPDA urges the committee to issue a favorable committee report on HB1441.

This legislation effectively creates a directory for electronic smoking devices (ESDs) allowed for retail in Maryland.

An ESD directory can be an effective tool to stop illicit activity and prevent the sale of counterfeit products. It empowers the state to reinforce federal law and further empowers wholesalers and distributors to know which products are in compliance.

This legislation will allow manufacturers, distributors, and retailers to know which products may be sold in the state, where today there is ambiguity.

For these reasons, MAPDA respectfully requests a favorable committee report on HB1441.