



February 20, 2025

The Honorable C.T. Wilson
Chair, Economic Matters Committee
Maryland House of Delegates
Room 230 House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chairman Wilson:

I am writing to express our support for HB 1441, Business Regulation – Electronic Smoking Devices Manufacturers – Certifications. This bill would create a directory that makes it possible for retailers and wholesalers in Maryland to distinguish between the vapor products that are compliant with federal law and those that are not.

Sheetz does not sell noncompliant e-vapor products. We have supported similar legislation across our company footprint and believe it is critical that there is a clear standard for all businesses on what is or is not legal to sell.

Product directories are not new concepts. In fact, cigarette directories presently exist in most states. These directories have existed for decades. The e-vapor directory created by HB 1441 is modeled off this successful framework. Sheetz believes that manufacturers should be required to register with Maryland and certify the products they are selling to comply with the federal regulations. If these manufacturers have not filed for premarket tobacco product application (PMTA) with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) then they cannot be listed on the registry. If the products are not on the registry, they should not be sold in the state.

We believe this registry provides the clarity that is needed to control the sale of illicit products. I urge the Committee to give HB 1441 a favorable vote.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Bassett", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jason Bassett
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Sheetz, Inc.