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We already have a registry, all the companies that want to sell here in the state of Maryland must register with the state of Maryland to sell here. Currently I'm dealing with that as a small business. I have a few companies that I am unable to purchase through because they are not registered here with the state of Maryland. Not sure why we need this bill which adds an underfunded Maryland with more work to do in which you haven't done the work already. I have 3 companies that are parallel to my road that are currently not charging the correct tax on their products. I have lost lots of business in competition with these companies and many others within our little organization who are trying to help you with making good regulation within our state. However, the only people you hurt is my business who continues to pay you the correct tax and upcharge on the current license fee to my business and yet again I get hit with another fine and I will pay and so will the good actors which is a small few within our industry these days. However, this will not continue to happen. I am willing to help but you don't want to listen!!

Adding 1000\$ per sku to each of our manufacturers annually to sell here and then to have them set up 75,000 escrow account is crazy. We are not big tobacco we are only trying to help people get off cigarettes with a better alternative. Most companies have not been in business long enough to acquire that much money. Not only that but I know of over 70 companies that are not selling the product for the correct amount of tax. We are at a 20% tax currently and I have been to so many stores that are selling products for either no tax or a 6% tax or very few maybe 3 are at 12%. If the state of md cannot even inform and the enforce what we have here I don't understand how what you have proposed will even work? Especially when we already have it laid out.

I am a small business taking pride in what I do because I have seen just about my whole family get off smoking and vaping plus so many customers. I am

one you want here in the state I enforce the state ID laws, state tax laws, and whatever else you throw at me and my business. However, it is getting harder and harder when the state of Maryland doesn't take my small business into account when I'm competing with companies who are not abiding by the state tax or the ID laws, they make more than me all the time. If you want to lose companies such as myself and all the other small businesses here then don't listen and continue to add more work for yourself with no money you have. We already have a framework outlined use what we already have and stop adding to it to give one person power the AG!!