



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 21202
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
Enderboard Road, Uppanua 21704
21 East Main Street, Westminster, 21157 25
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 410-377-6634
6827 Loch Raven Blvd, Towson 21286
Leonardtwn Cigar 240-309-4108
40955 Merchants Lane #14, Leonardtown 20650
Main Street Cigar Company 410-734-4494
2317 Churchville Road, Bel Air 21035
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
45 North Centre Street, Cumberland 21502
The Humidor Cigar Shoppe 410-866-3212
2 Sherwood Road, Cockeysville 21030
TinderBox #398 301-374-8100
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 House Bill 918,

Madame 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.

We write today in opposition to House Bill HB 918.

HB 918 would enable Baltimore City to regulate products differently at the local level than at the state level. Enabling local jurisdictions to enact their own set of rules and regulations will lead to inconsistent implementation and will make compliance more difficult, costly, and burdensome. We oppose a patchwork approach by local jurisdictions on these matters.

If adopted, this legislation will have the effect of driving business in Baltimore City across jurisdictional lines and will require people to travel farther and spend more time, in order to obtain the products that they want. These regulations will drive dollars out of the city into neighboring jurisdictions and eventually out of the state.

Premium cigars and pipe tobacco are a premium product that youth are not interested in. Youth are not allowed in cigar lounges and these lounges are not a part of the problem of youth access.

Additionally, during the COVID-19 Pandemic, we saw how difficult it is for business owners to comply with a varying closures and mandates by localities. Overlapping jurisdiction creates confusion and consternation among businesses, customers, and regulators.

For these reasons we respectfully ask for an unfavorable report on HB 918.

Sincerely

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