



WMDA/CAR Service Station  
and Automotive Repair Association

Chair Pamela Beidle and members of Senate Finance

RE: SB279 Baltimore City -Cigarettes, Other Tobacco Products, Electronic Smoking Devises- Local Laws Authorization

Position: Oppose

My name is Kirk McCauley, my employer is WMDA/CAR, we represent service stations, convenience stores, and repair facilities across the state as a non- profit trade group established in 1937.

Sb 279 would allow Baltimore City to enforce stricter tobacco Regulations, driving purchases across city borders, empower illegal street sales where there are no age verification or state tax collection. Sales are already on the street, and this would enhance those illicit sales.

Eliminating preemption in Baltimore will place store owners at a significant economic disadvantage and cost the State of Maryland tax revenue.

WMDA/CAR asks for an unfavorable vote on SB279.

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