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Testimony of Delegate Samuel I Rosenberg  
Before the House Ways and Means Committee  
In Support of  
**House Bill 1576**  
**Sales and Use Tax - Electronic Smoking Devices and Vaping Liquid –**  
**Maryland Pediatric Cancer Fund**

Chair Wilkins and Members of the Committee:

House Bill 1576 addresses two important public health priorities: it works to reduce youth nicotine addiction, and it strengthens funding for pediatric cancer research in Maryland.

The [2024 CDC National Youth Tobacco Survey](#) found that 7.8 percent of high school students used e-cigarettes. In our state, that number was 14 percent according to the most recent [survey](#). Of those Maryland students, 97 percent typically used flavored products other than tobacco. The [CDC](#) has concluded that youth are especially price-sensitive, and that higher tobacco prices significantly reduce initiation and regular use.

In 2024, the General Assembly increased the sales and use tax on electronic smoking devices from 12 percent to 20 percent, directing revenue from the 8 percent increase to the Blueprint for Maryland's Future Fund. House Bill 1576 increases that rate further and dedicates a portion of the additional revenue to the Maryland Pediatric Cancer Fund. Increasing the tax rate on electronic smoking devices to 30 percent and increasing the tax on small-container vaping liquid to 90 percent would generate millions each year in new revenue, with a meaningful share directed to pediatric cancer research grants.

Pediatric cancer research remains underfunded at the federal level. Around 4 percent of total federal cancer research funding is directed toward pediatric cancers. That gap leaves states with an important role in sustaining and advancing this research. The Maryland Pediatric Cancer Fund ensures that tax revenue generated from this policy would be invested directly into research that benefits children and families in our State.

**For these reasons, I respectfully urge a favorable report on House Bill 1576.**