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	SUBJECT	Re: City Council Bill 09-0271 Tobacco Products – Unpackaged Cigarettes or Cigars		

TO

The Honorable Stephanie Rawllings-Blake
 President,
 City Council of Baltimore
 400 City Hall

DATE: February 11, 2009

The Environmental Control Board (ECB) supports the above Bill for the purpose of prohibiting the sale or transfer of unpackaged cigarettes and cigars. Statistically the prohibition of single cigarette sales has proven to have an impact on decreased usage among juveniles. Including the prohibition of the sale of single cigars may have an even greater impact.

ECB views this bill as a rigorous prevention tool to discourage tobacco use among our youths, and for use in illegal endeavors. The sale of unpackaged cigarettes and/or cigars, known as “loosies,” among the younger adults tends to have a tremendous impact for increased tobacco and marijuana use.

ECB adamantly believes that early prevention is a greater deterrent to all smokers. This bill serves as a control measures with particular emphasis on youth access to tobacco.

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