



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable President and Members of the City Council
Attention: Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

FROM: William H. Cole, President and CEO
Baltimore Development Corporation

DATE: December 11, 2018

SUBJECT: City Council Bill No. 18-0313
Electronic Smoking Devices

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) has been asked to comment on City Council Bill No. 18-0313 for the purpose of broadening the definition of smoking devices to encompass all electronic smoking devices; regulating flavored e-liquids; creating specific sanitation standards for the manufacture and sale of e-liquids; defining certain terms; imposing certain penalties; and providing for special effective dates.

According to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), these products use an “e-liquid” that may contain nicotine, as well as varying compositions of flavorings, propylene glycol, vegetable glycerin, and other ingredients. The liquid is heated to create an aerosol that the user inhales. In the near future, the FDA will be holding a public hearing to discuss efforts to eliminate youth e-cigarette use, with a focus on the potential role of drug therapies to support cessation and the issues impacting the development of such therapies.

BDC has reviewed and supports the proposed legislation and is respectfully requesting that Bill No. 18-0313 be given favorable consideration by the City Council.

cc: Kyron Banks