



October 15, 2019

The Honorable Jerrold Nadler
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Doug Collins
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

RE: **Please Support the Preventing Online Sales of E-Cigarettes to Children Act (H.R. 3942) During the Judiciary Committee Markup**

Dear Chairman Nadler and Ranking Member Collins:

The Society of Independent Gasoline Marketers of America (SIGMA) supports the Preventing Online Sales of E-Cigarettes to Children Act (H.R. 3942) and strongly urges Members to vote for this legislation in Committee, co-sponsor it, and vote for it again when it comes up on the House floor.

SIGMA represents a diverse membership of approximately 260 independent chain retailers and marketers of motor fuel, employing approximately 345,000 people. Member retail outlets come in many forms, including truckstops, traditional "gas stations," convenience stores with gas pumps, cardlocks, and unattended public fueling locations.

In 2009, Congress passed the Prevent All Cigarette Trafficking Act (PACT Act), which required age verification at the point of delivery for cigarettes and smokeless tobacco products. When that legislation was passed, e-cigarettes were not a significant part of the market. However, since then, e-cigarette use has increased dramatically. It only makes sense to update the PACT Act to include e-cigarettes, which is what H.R. 3942 does.

Our industry takes seriously the responsibility of verifying the ages of customers attempting to purchase age-restricted items, such as e-cigarettes. The most frequent source of retail sales of e-cigarettes to minors is the Internet. H.R. 3942 can help change that.

The Preventing Online Sales of E-Cigarettes to Children Act would require an online seller of e-cigarettes to do what online sellers of traditional cigarettes, smokeless tobacco products, and alcohol already must do – ensure that the delivery person checks the ID of an adult at the time of delivery.

H.R. 3942 is bipartisan, common-sense legislation to update the law now that e-cigarettes are a significant part of the market and can help prevent sales of e-cigarettes to minors through the Internet. SIGMA urges you to support the bill during the House Judiciary Committee markup.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brad Puryear". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bradford Puryear
President
Society of Independent Gasoline Marketers of America

cc: Members of the House Committee on the Judiciary