



**Aphelion Cigar Lounge** 410-721-1700  
2510 Conway Road, Ste. 106, Gambrills 21054

**Broadleaf Tobacco** 410-315-8118  
487 Ritchie Highway, #101, Severna Park 21146

**Burnt Leaf** 443-272-7206  
487 Ritchie Highway, #101, Severna Park 21146

**Cross Street Tobacco** 410-752-9220  
1103 Light Street, Baltimore 21230

**Dan's Cigar Lounge** 410-780-5959  
8300-B Pulaski Highway, Rosedale 21237

**Davidus Cigars**, 301-865-1000  
2134 Generals Highway, Annapolis 21401  
1300 Bank Street, Baltimore 21231  
1716 Liberty Road, Eldersburg 21784  
9180 Baltimore National Pike, Elicott City 21042 529  
West South Street, Frederick 21701  
25 Olney Sandy-Spring Road, Ashton 20861  
10810 Reisterstown Road, Owings Mills 21117  
11632 Rockville Pike, Rockville 20852  
15922 Shady Grove Road, Gaithersburg 20832 8925  
Fingerboard Road, Urbana 21704  
23 East Main Street, Westminster 21157 25  
Allegheny Avenue, Towson 21204

**Easton Cigar & Smokeshop** 410-770-5084  
6 Glenwood Ave, Easton 21601

**Etch-Art Awards** 410-202-6616  
931 Mount Hermon Road, Salisbury 21804

**Fire & Smoke Cigar Parlor** 443-970-6634  
6827 Loch Raven Blvd., Towson 21286

**Leonardtown Cigar** 240-309-4108  
40955 Merchants Lane #14, Leonardtown 20650

**Main Street Cigar Company** 410-734-4494  
2217 E. Churchville Road, Bel Air 21015

**Mount Vernon Tobacco** 410-728-5669  
221 W. Read Street, Baltimore 21201

**Mt. Washington Cigar Co.** 410-377-4711  
5909 Falls Road, Baltimore 21209

**Oakleigh Beach Tobacco** 410-388-8080  
702 Wise Avenue, Dundalk 21222

**Office Cigar Lounge at QG** 410-685-7428  
31 S Calvert St, Ste 300, Baltimore 21202

**Quartermasters Cigars** 410-898-2134  
880 Northeast St, Frederick 21701

**Senor Cigars** 410-524-2069  
11805 Coastal Highway, Ocean City 21842  
3314 Coastal Highway, Ocean City 21842

**Signature Cigars** 301-424-8833  
1331 Rockville Pike, Rockville 20852  
4919 Cordell Avenue, Bethesda 20814

**Spartan Cigar Lounge** 443-350-9808  
128 East Pulaski Highway, Elkton 21921

**The Book Center** 301-722-8345  
15 North Centre Street, Cumberland 21502

**The Humidour Cigar Shoppe** 410-666-3212  
2 Sherwood Road, Cockeysville 21030

**TinderBox #398** 301-374-9100  
2754 Crain Highway, Waldorf 20601

**Titan Cigar** 410-721-2944  
2634 Chapel Lake Drive, Gambrills 21056

**Tobacco Leaf** 410-799-2094  
7351 Assateague Drive, Jessup 20794

**W. Curtis Draper Tobacconist** 301-907-7990  
4916 Del Ray Avenue, Bethesda 20814

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## Opposition for Senate Bill 249

Madame Chair and members of the Committee,

The Premium Cigar Retailers Association of Maryland represents over 35 adult only brick and mortar premium cigar specialty stores in the State. Members of the PCRAM have appeared before your committee on several matters this legislative term and we thank you for the opportunity to testify again.

We write today in opposition to Senate Bill 249.

The Maryland General Assembly has taken the position that tobacco regulation and taxation should remain exclusively a matter within the State's purview. We support that position, as it maintains a consistent statewide regulatory approach.

Enabling jurisdictions to enact their own set of rules and regulations will lead to inconsistencies and redundancies in enforcement and will make compliance more difficult, costly, and burdensome. We oppose a patchwork approach by local jurisdictions on these matters.

If adopted, this legislation will have the effect of driving business in Baltimore City across jurisdictional lines and will require people to move farther and spend more time, in order to obtain the products that they want.

Additionally, during the COVID-19 Pandemic, we have seen how difficult it is for business owners to comply with a varying closures and mandates by localities. Overlapping jurisdiction creates confusion and consternation among businesses, customers, and regulators.

For these reasons we respectfully ask for an unfavorable report on SB 249.

Sincerely

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