



October 20, 2015

Representative Charlie Dent
2211 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Dent:

The National Association of Convenience Stores (NACS) is an international non-profit trade association representing the 151,000 convenience and fuel retail outlets in the United States – more than 60% of which are single store operations. Total industry sales in 2014 were roughly \$700 billion, including more than 80% of U.S. motor fuel sales. The industry also employs roughly 2 million people.

NACS wishes to commend you and your colleagues, Representatives Jolly, Himes, and Holmes-Norton, on the introduction of H.R. 3537, The Synthetic Drug Control Act of 2015. Our industry wholeheartedly endorses that bill and the goal of eliminating these dangerous drugs from our society. Earlier this year we joined with the Society of Independent Gasoline Marketers of America (SIGMA) in sending a letter to the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) indicating our willingness to work with them in any way possible to ensure these drugs stay off our streets. Today we make that same offer to you.

Please do not hesitate to let us know if NACS can be of any assistance in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon Taets", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Jon Taets
Director
Government Affairs