



VAPOR TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATION

For Immediate Release  
April 19, 2016

Media Contact:  
[press@vaportechnology.org](mailto:press@vaportechnology.org)

## **VAPOR TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATION ON PASSAGE OF COLE/BISHOP AMENDMENT TO MODIFY PREDICATE DATE FOR VAPOR PRODUCTS**

*WASHINGTON, DC* – Today, the Vapor Technology Association (VTA) issued the following statement on the House Appropriations Committee’s 31-19 vote to approve a bipartisan amendment to the Agriculture Appropriations bill offered by Representative Tom Cole (R-OK) and Representative Sanford Bishop (D-GA) that would modify the predicate date for vapor products.

“Unlike the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, which is rumored to issue one-size-fits-all regulation of e-cigarettes as tobacco products as early as this month, the majority of members of the Appropriations Committee clearly understand that vapor products represent the first game-changing technology in the ongoing campaign to reduce cigarette smoking,” said Tony Abboud, VTA’s National Legislative Director. “Vapor products provide a healthier alternative to tobacco cigarettes for adult consumers, and by voting to approve the Cole/Bishop amendment today, members of the committee have taken a necessary step to ensure that these life changing products remain on the market.

“VTA thanks the members for supporting the thousands of small business owners who represent the vapor industry in the United States, and we look forward to working together to ensure that this new technology continues to thrive.”

Despite an overabundance of distorted and misleading information propagated by some in the public health community, the science is clear – responsibly manufactured vapor products are not only a safer alternative to traditional combustible products, but also provide smokers with a viable path to reducing their tobacco consumption and quitting altogether. VTA and its members are developing strict industry standards and responsible regulations that protect children from vapor and ensure the safety and integrity of vaping products used by adult consumers.



VAPOR TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATION

To learn more about the Vapor Technology Association (VTA), visit [www.vaportechnology.org](http://www.vaportechnology.org) or click here to follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

*The Vapor Technology Association represents the manufacturers, wholesalers, small business owners and entrepreneurs who have developed innovative and quality vapor products, providing adult consumers with a better alternative to traditional combustible products. VTA and its members are leaders in the vapor community, promoting small businesses and job growth, responsible public policies and regulations, and strong industry standards.*

###