



## VAPOR TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATION

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### **VTA RESPONSE TO SURGEON GENERAL REPORT**

#### *SURGEON GENERAL IGNORES MILLIONS OF AMERICANS WHO RELY ON VAPOR AS A SAFER ALTERNATIVE TO DEADLY SMOKING*

Washington, D.C. – Today, VTA’s National Legislative Director, Tony Abboud, released the following statement on the U.S. Surgeon General’s report on e-cigarettes.

“Like the Surgeon General, VTA and its members are committed to the health and safety of children. VTA supports bipartisan legislation that will ensure the safety of vapor products, and will ensure vapor products do not fall into the hands of minors.

“What the Surgeon General does not acknowledge with this announcement are the millions of adult Americans who rely on vapor products to switch away from smoking deadly cigarettes. While there is no credible evidence that vapor products are a ‘gateway’ to combustible cigarettes, there is scientific evidence that they provide these adult smokers with a safer alternative.

“However, as long as government agencies perpetuate false information, the United States will continue to fall behind other countries such as England, which have acknowledged the significant public health benefits of vapor products.

“VTA and our partners are committed to working together with the federal government and state legislatures across the country to dispel this false information and promote the harm reduction benefits of vapor products so that they remain available as a lifeline to adult consumers.”

*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 safer 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 a high standard of safety within the industry.*

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