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We have made our federal PAC goal in each of the last 22 years. We have a ways to go for 2022. If you are not on this list and would be willing to contribute, please make out your **personal check** in the amount of \$150.00 payable to **EMA PAC** and send to:

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Propane Gas Association's 2022 Presidents Award goes to Mike O'Connor

Earlier this month, during the Virginia Propane Gas Association (VPGA) summer meeting in Virginia Beach, the Association's President's Award was presented to Mike O'Connor. The award was presented "in recognition of unselfish service, dedication and guidance to the Virginia Propane Gas Association". VPCMA has advised the propane association on public policy matters since 2013, including representation before the General Assembly and the state's regulatory agencies. Presenting the award was the Propane Association's Immediate Past President Colin Wood-Bradley (I)

Reminder: Your Comments Needed by Tuesday To Stop US Food and Drug Administration's Menthol Ban

As we have reported previously, the US Food and Drug Administration is planning to ban menthol cigarettes and flavored cigars. The sole opportunity to reverse these misguided policies is thru comments to the FDA on how the bans will impact your business. Our manufacturer, state, and national partners have assisted in developing these comments for submitting to the FDA opposing the proposed rules. **Convenience Marketers need to submit comments by the August 2nd deadline.**

1. FDA comments can be submitted to the FDA's Center for Tobacco Products by clicking on these two links below: one for the proposed regulation banning menthol in cigarettes and another for the proposed regulation banning characterizing flavors in cigars.
2. You can copy and submit these comments (please take out references to VPCMA and include your company specific information such as background information, number of c-stores you operate and number of people you employ).
3. Menthol Ban: <https://www.regulations.gov/commenton/FDA-2021-N-1349-0001>
4. Flavored Cigar Ban: <https://www.regulations.gov/commenton/FDA-2021-N-1309-0001>

As indicated above, the FDA has proposed two separate regulations with one banning menthol in cigarettes and the second one banning flavors, except tobacco flavor, in cigars. The attached comments work for both and need to be submitted to both links.

Oilman of the Year Nominations

We are now accepting nominations for the association's highest honor, the Virginia Oil Man of the Year. Since it was established in 1980, each year it has recognized an individual for extraordinary contributions to the petroleum industry in the state of Virginia. The award will be presented on Sunday evening of the Association's Annual Meeting at the Greenbrier.

[Click here](#) for a nomination form.

**Reminder: Registration Open for the 74th VPCMA Annual Meeting
*September 25-27, The Greenbrier***

We hope you will make plans to attend the 74th Annual Meeting being held Sunday, September 25 through Tuesday, September 27th. To take advantage of our great group rate of \$219 you will need to make your reservations by the cut off date of August 26. We have put together a great program of social and educational events that you can access below.

For a full Annual Meeting brochure, [click here](#).

To register with VPCMA, [click here](#).

For hotel reservations, (starting at \$219,) [click here](#).