

This is a late email... but PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE carefully consider what this ban will do. I quit smoking "real" cigarettes over 1 year ago. My lung function has improved to that of a non-smoker, my skin and teeth are healthy, and I can hike with my family and my dogs for hours now without gasping and wheezing.

There is no legitimate reason to ban ecigarettes. They produce no odor, they release no harmful compounds, they leave no lingering offensive odor; but they do help many, many people stop smoking the real thing, thus increasing their life expectancy and quality of life. This also saves money for the state in reduction of treating smoking-related illnesses.

Many people have approached me after seeing me vaping, and asked lots of questions. I carry information on e-cigs to give to people, and many of the people I've explained them to are now vaping rather than smoking themselves, and living longer and higher quality lives as well. This is a good thing!!!

Please stand up for the health of the people you represent, for the children of those people, even for the pets of those people. E-cigs should be praised and encouraged... not vilified because a handful of people think they may or may not be a real cigarette. Education is always better than emotional knee-jerk decisions. Policies can be made and modified; legislation is another story.

Please show the people of Oregon that there is still some common sense left in this world... banning e-cigs is the opposite and is harmful.

Thank you,
Ellery Gillen, 37 year old Newport Oregon resident