

Hello,

I am writing to all of the members of the House Human Services Committee to request that you vote NO on HB 4115 that will ban the use of e-cigarettes wherever cigarettes are used. There is not nearly enough evidence that e-cigarettes are similar to cigarettes to require such an extreme uninformed unilateral ban of these devices. The only thing E-cigarettes have in common with cigarettes is nicotine. As a smoker for over 30 years, I can tell you without reservation that they are NOT like cigarettes. For many years my nicotine use has caused me to be singled out, and cast out of almost any public environment. The reasoning behind this breach of my civil liberty was SECOND HAND SMOKE. YEARS of research backed up the medical evidence that second hand smoke caused harm and I was reasonable about this restriction due to those facts, I can't tell you how much better my life and the lives of my family, friends, and co-workers has improved due to my choosing to use and E-cigarette over Tobacco cigarettes. E-cigarettes do not create smoke. They do not contain anything that a small amount of nicotine and water vapor! They emit none of the other harmful carcinogenic fumes that cigarettes do. As a smoker, I can attest to a great improvement in my personal health and to the much appreciated lack of lingering smoke on my person by my close friends and co-workers. E-cigarettes should no be subject to the same restrictions as tobacco cigarettes as they do not produce the same harmful smoke or dis-tasteful odor that is associated with cigarettes. They simply produce warm water vapor with a small mixture of nicotine only. This Knee-jerk over-reaction by the 'nanny' state is simply not in the best interest of smokers that finally have a choice to make that actually improves their health and the environment of their family, friends, and co-workers. The HB 4115 that allows banning the use of these revolutionary devices will discourage current tobacco smokers from considering an vastly more healthy option. You do those people who smoke tobacco a dis-service and those people who are currently dealing with their filthy habits a dis-service in one single misguided action. Please consider a NO vote on this overly restrictive proposal.

Sincerely,

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