

Dear Representative,

I am writing you in response to HB 4115 which you recently introduced. I strongly oppose your bill as written and I urge you to make some changes to it.

After smoking cigarettes for 42 years I am now FREE from a nasty and harmful habit. I have now been smoke free for 4 months now. Finally I can smell and taste! Also now I can breathe! After years of trying nicotine patches, nicotine gum, Chantix, and other stop smoking programs that didn't work, I am free of a habit I had lost hope in ever quitting. After smoking 1 pack of full strength Camels every day, it only took 3 weeks for me to quit them altogether and have never thought of going back. Now I am down from a 24ml. nicotine cigarette to a 10ml. nicotine vape juice and am about to go down to 6 ml. I started out with a small over the counter kit (BLU) but it didn't do the trick for me so I switched to mods and tanks and that did the trick! I now can hardly stand to be around people who smoke.

I currently work in a convenience store and vape inside the store at work. Never has anyone objected to this. Most of the time customers are very supportive of this practice as they see the benefits of this over smoking. Also a lot of smokers want to know how to get started vaping. Research has determined that the only thing that could possibly be harmful to second hand vape inhalers would be a small amount of nicotine (3.3 micrograms per cubic meter or $3.3 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$). I would guess that customers driving up to our gas pumps and myself are subjected to far more toxic stuff in the air from car and truck exhausts. Also as I am writing this Oregon Department of Air Quality is monitoring the air in Salem. Right at this time the outside air contains $15.7 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ of Particulate Matter 10 and $8.2 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ of Particulate Matter 2.5. According to EPA (Particle pollution contains microscopic solids or liquid droplets that are so small that they can get deep into the lungs and cause serious health problems. The size of particles is directly linked to their potential for causing health problems. Small particles less than 10 micrometers in diameter pose the greatest problems, because they can get deep into your lungs, and some may even get into your bloodstream.). This would prove the fact that is 2 to 3 times more harmful to breathe the air in Salem Oregon than to be standing right next to someone Vaping.

I have included some links that you might be helpful and informative as well in helping you make your decision.

I thank you so very much for your time.

Respectfully,

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