

Dear Representative,

My name is Sean Bowers. I gave testimony against HB 4115 on Wednesday. Due to weather conditions I am unable to make it down today. I am again going to plead with you to please vote no on HB 4115. I understand that there are some regulations and taxation that could be implemented, but the blind misunderstanding on the part of the bill and it's supporters regarding e-cigarettes, not for the lack of studies done, could very well be detrimental to public health. The majority of e-cigarettes produced and used are not from Big Tobacco. Most of the juice is hand made in homes of ex-smokers. There are standards these juices are voluntarily judged on. Granted it could be a little more uniform, but if this ban goes through, we will be unable to fix it. We would love to work with the state in a way to enrich public health & nurture smoking cessation, but we will be of very little benefit were we to be kept in the dark, as the bill demands.

Just this weekend a study was published about the benefit of e-cigarettes. I urge you to look over it quickly and take a minute to think about it before voting.

<http://nicotinepolicy.net/commentary/86-g-krol/861-new-research-shows-electronic-cigarettes-better-for-quitting-than-no-aid-over-the-counter-nrt-worse-than-no-aid>

We know this is not the end, and hope to further work with the state to become more of an ally of public health than the scapegoat we have become. It is too soon to vote on such drastic measures.

Please vote NO on HB 4115. (And YES on HB 4073)

Sincerely,

Sean Aaron Bowers