

Hello and thank you for taking the time to read my email;

I ask that you vote NO on HB 4115 because it would ban smoke-free e-cigarette aka electronic vaporizer use wherever smoking is prohibited forcing people who are trying to quit smoking out into the cold with other smokers. This would make it much harder to quit smoking tobacco if people are forced to be around others that are smoking.

I smoked for 16 years. I tried to quit smoking for over 5 years with no luck. I tried gum and patches with reactions to each. I tried medication that made me depressed and gave me heart palpitations. All failed. I tried one electronic vaporizer and have not picked up a cigarette since. My husband only took two weeks and was off of cigarets as well.

By switching to a smokeless product we have greatly reduced my husbands & my health risks. Already my doctor tells me I am in much better shape than I was just a few months ago when I was smoking. We now take hikes and enjoy sports when before we could not do any of this for more than a very short time. My chest ex-rays show a 25% improvement in clarity in less than 9 months of switching to electronic vapor.

I have sent a list of helpful information to help you make up your mind.

- Smoking bans are enacted to protect the public from the harm of secondhand smoke, but e-cigarettes have not been shown to cause harm to bystanders. In fact, all evidence to date shows that the low health risks associated with e-cigarettes are comparable to other smokeless nicotine products.
- A published [comprehensive review](#) by Dr. Igor Burstyn of Drexel University School of Public Health based on over 9,000 observations of e-cigarette liquid and vapor found "no apparent concern" for bystanders exposed to e-cigarette vapor, even under "worst case" assumptions about exposure.
- Electronic cigarette use is easy to distinguish from actual smoking. Although some e-cigarettes resemble real cigarettes, many do not. It is easy to tell when someone lights a cigarette from the smell of smoke. E-cigarette vapor is practically odorless, and generally any detectable odor is not unpleasant and smells nothing like smoke. Additionally, e-cigarette users can decide whether to release any vapor ("discreet vaping"). With so little evidence of use, enforcing indoor use bans on electronic cigarettes would be nearly impossible.
- The ability to use electronic cigarettes in public spaces will actually improve public health by inspiring other smokers to switch. Surveys of thousands of users indicate that the majority of those who switch completely replace tobacco cigarettes with the electronic cigarettes, reducing their health risks by an estimated 99%.

Again I ask that you vote NO on HB 4115. Thank you for your time.

Best,

Sarah & Jake Dickenson