

Dear Mrs. Donovan,

I would like you to vote NO on HB 4115 because it would ban smoke-free e-cigarette use wherever smoking is prohibited.

In November 2010 I had been smoking for 7 years, my fiance and I were 4 months away from having our daughter and I was trying to quit before she arrived. I had tried other "quit smoking" tools such as lozenges & gum multiple times that didn't work. A friend had a electronic cigarette at work and I tried it for 2 weeks and have been tobacco free for a little over 3 years now. I feel so much better now that I am tobacco and smoke-free, I can walk up stairs and play with my daughter without being winded. I smell better, I haven't coughed since then unless I got a cold and my teeth and hands are not yellow anymore. There are SO many positive things that have happened since I got rid of tobacco.

Smoke bans are enacted to protect the public from second hand smoke, which all of the evidence up to date shows the low health risk associated with electronic cigarettes are comparable to other smokeless nicotine products. Being able to use e-cigarettes in public places will improve public help by being able to pass the word of e-cigarettes. Just myself I have had multiple friends and acquaintances switch to e-cigarettes after seeing me use mine and have asked me about them.

People can easily distinguish the difference between a cigarettes and an e-cigarette, the unpleasant smell of smoke and the light of the flame for it. E-cigarette's are practically odor-less and what odor does come from them is nothing like the odor of a cigarette if people notice at all its usually pleasant. My personal experience last week I was in the parking lot of a grocery store and took a few puffs before walking into the store and a lady passing by complimented that whatever I had smelled really good. I have yet to have a negative reaction to my e-cigarette, just positive questions and curiosity.

Also in a recent 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.

Several 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%. And I can personally vouch for that! Please take a little bit of time and check out <http://casaa.org/Documents.html> and the wealth of information about e-cigarette's.

I am one of many people that the e-cigarette has changed my life and I am very happy for it. Please help us help others by being able to show this amazing thing in public places and spread the joy I feel from being Smoke and tobacco free.

Thank you for your time and for reading my story,

Jake Isham