

Dear Sir or Madam,

I understand you will vote on HB 4115 banning personal vaporizer and the use of ecigs as though they were tobacco cigarettes. I firmly believe this would be a huge mistake on your part and would, in fact, be detrimental to the overall health of the general public. Personal vaporizers, electronic cigarettes, PV's, and ecigs are saving peoples lives and that is a fact. There have been many scientific studies, not biased junk science, that prove the vapor produced from these devices is completely safe for the user and any bystanders close to the user. The ingredients that make up the eliquid are simple and very low cost so there is no benefit for manufacturers to dilute their liquid with potentially harmful chemicals. The liquid is made up of vegetable glycerin, propylene glycol, nicotine and flavorings, all of these ingredients are kosher and have been found to be safe for human consumption by the FDA. Nicotine by itself is not dangerous, it is very similar in nature to caffeine. And it has been proven to be safe to consume at levels manufacturers are using to produce eliquid. Nicotine does not pose any threat to health until concentration levels get extremely high, far too high to pose any legitimate threats to people that use ecigs or people around ecig users. Bottom line is that any building owner should have the right to restrict or allow people to use ecigarettes as they wish. If the real reason for this blanket ban is to keep a clean air environment indoors then do not vote to ban the use of these miracle devices, they absolutely do NOT produce ANY harmful byproducts, the vapor is safe.

Big tobacco and big pharma are worried sick about their huge profits they are losing cause of electronic cigarettes and because they help so many people quit smoking and take back their lives. To ban the life saving devices would be a shame and it would directly lead to hundreds of thousands of people to start smoking again and die way too early. I really hope you can see just how beneficial these devices actually are and come to the realization that banning them would be counter-productive.

Now about the whole idea of ecigs being a "gateway to smoking" is not only completely unfounded, but it just doesn't seem logical. Ecigs and the eliquid made today have a clean taste that has no residual smell or flavor. Cigarettes stink and

taste bad after a person has been using an ecig for any amount of time. The fact that over one million ex-smokers can pick up vaping and stop smoking even if they had no desire to quit smoking means that vaping is far more enjoyable, so why would a vaper ever switch from vaping to smoking? They do not and they will not. We have a chance here to totally eradicate tobacco cigarettes and allow responsible adults to enjoy themselves and if they want to, vape a juice with nicotine. I do believe that a minimum age restriction should be enforced, no person under the age of 18 should be allowed to buy nicotine infused juice. Please do not ban something that has so much to offer and has been proven to be completely safe to the user and the people around them, PLEASE!!!

Vaping has changed my life in so many ways other than just quit smoking. Once I realized I had been able to quit smoking I built up an amazing amount of dignity, self worth, and pride. I did something that I thought I was never going to be able to break free from. Smoking cigarettes have controlled my life for so long that I thought I would never be able to stop. They truly are an evil, evil drug that we do not need in our country. But by treating ecigs the same as tobacco cigarettes is a huge mistake. Ecigs are the first and only thing to come along that can potentially help every last smoker to rid this country of the death grip Big Tobacco has on our lives, and do so in a completely safe manner. I love Oregon and I want to see my hometown be the first in the country to welcome ecigs with open arms and be a leader to the entire US and just say yes to the beginning of the end of tobacco! Thank you for your time and consideration!

Sincerely,

Greg Thompson