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House Health Care Committee
Chair Greenlick
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Please support HB 2546.

As the Chief Executive Officer of Bridgeway Recovery Services Inc. in Salem, Oregon we see the health risks and medical problems that occur due to smoking as it is so often directly related to Oregonians suffering from addiction or symptoms of mental illness.

Currently in Oregon children are allowed to purchase E-cigarettes over the counter in thousands of retail outlets across the State. HB 2546 will restrict those sales to adults similar to all other tobacco and nicotine products. We firmly believe that children who start smoking E-cigarettes are far more likely to gravitate to tobacco products when they become of age.

In study after study the number one behavior that leads to significant health risks including addiction, teen pregnancy and early death is smoking.

You can support Oregon's children and the health of our communities by supporting HB 2546.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tim Murphy
Chief Executive Officer
Bridgeway Recovery Services Inc.