

Dear Senate Committee on Judiciary

Attached is a review of available research on the use, content and safety of electronic cigarettes published in the Journal Addiction May 13 2014. I believe that this relevant information should help you make a scientific, research based decision on upcoming legislation regarding e-cigarette regulation. The researchers that did the review have no affiliations with e cigarette manufacturers and combined they have over 92 years in tobacco prevention, cessation, addiction and nicotine research with over 1000 authored or co-authored scientific published papers on the subject. Included below is a brief overview of their credentials for your information.

Neal Benowitz has been conducting research at SFGH since 1973. His research focus is on the human pharmacology of nicotine in relation to pathogenesis of and individual differences in vulnerability to tobacco-related disease, and the use of pharmacologic data as a basis for public health policies to prevent and reduce such disease. He has served on a number of national and international committees addressing issues in tobacco-related diseases and smoking cessation, including several sponsored by the Institute of Medicine. He has authored over 500 publications, including a state-of-the-art review on nicotine addiction in the New England Journal of Medicine in June 2010.

Peter Hajek is Professor of Clinical Psychology, Head of Psychology and Director of the Health and Lifestyle Research Unit at the Wolfson Institute of Preventative Medicine, Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry, Queen Mary University of London. His research is concerned primarily with understanding health behaviours, and developing and evaluating both behavioural and pharmacological treatments for dependent smokers and for people with weight problems. He authored and co-authored over 300 publications on these topics.

*Dr. Thomas Eissenbergs primary area of research is the behavioral pharmacology of drugs of abuse, focusing primarily on nicotine/tobacco. He is co-director of the Center for the Study of Tobacco Products whose mission is to develop and apply regulatory science to the evaluation of tobacco products and to train the next generation of tobacco regulatory scientists.*

Hayden McRobbie has extensive international experience in smoking cessation research, teaching and training, planning, policy and implementation and treatment. Hayden is widely published and has contributed to numerous national and international expert bodies, committees and conferences. Dr McRobbie's research interests are in the treatment of tobacco dependence and he is developing a focus on the "hard to treat" smoker. He is Assistant Editor of Nicotine and Tobacco Research, Deputy Editor of the Journal of Smoking Cessation, a member of the Society for Research of Nicotine and Tobacco (SRNT) and Vice President of the Association for the Treatment of Tobacco Use and Dependence (ATTUD).

Thank you so much for your thoughtful consideration of the legislation coming up. I am sure that you all will make the right choice to save lives. You have a lot going on in the capital these days and I appreciate the dedication and hard work that you do for all the citizens of Oregon.

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