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Dear Committee Members

My name is Catherine Kaiser and I am writing today, April 7th of 2015 in opposition SB 417

I would like to submit my testimony for my reasons that I am opposing and asking you to oppose SB 417

In the American Lung Association they state they are trying to save youths by preventing them from accessing tobacco products. I agree with that totally as was already discussed in other meetings. HB 2546 has the age limit of no one under the age of 18 be able to buy or possess e-cigarettes. No one is disputing that regulation at all. With that said why are the youths being continually being brought up in the entire bill to follow that one? Seems to me that we should be focused on Adults rights now.

The ALA testimony states Oregon far outpaced any other state in the illegal sale of tobacco to kids. For the past three years, Oregon led the nation with the highest illegal sales rate of tobacco. In 2013, Oregon retailers were caught selling tobacco to minors at the highest rate in the country and more than double the nationwide average, at 22.5 percent. She states the sale of tobacco to kids, not e-cigarettes. If Oregon has this bad of a reputation of illegally selling tobacco to kids I would like to see your efforts figure out how to prosecute the people or stores doing this the extent of the law. If there is real proof out there that Vape Shop owners are doing this I would love to see it because I feel strongly they are not and have found no evidence in my own research I have done myself that the Vape Shops are doing this. If kids are buying e-cigarettes illegally try looking into the cigalikes, the ones that look like real cigarettes that are sold in the convenience stores, gas stations and Drug stores. Are those the ones they are buying illegally? The ones that RJR produces and advertises on TV saw the commercial myself. There are I believe 3 different brands that Big Tobacco companies selling cigalike e-cigarettes which are called Vuse, Mark10 and Fin. Why are those not being regulated the same as the other vaping products because the ones big tobacco sell are not approved by the FDA either besides the fact that they are the ones that advertise them on TV and elsewhere.

I am having a real hard time trying to make sense of why the people we hired and pay to work for us are trying to over regulate vaping. I understand the kid issue but like I stated before, that has been taken care of in HB2546.

Once you put an age law in place there are still going to be kids that get their hands on stuff they should not have. I certainly did. I stole cigarettes from my dad during my teen years and always managed to get liquor somehow. Time and time again I was approached by teens when I smoked asking for cigarettes which I will admit I sometimes gave them, and also asking me to buy them cigarettes while

I was entering a store, which I never did, thank god. I can assure you now that if a teen asked for any of my vaping gear I sure would not give it to them. There is only so much we can do to prevent kids from heading in the wrong direction which is very unfortunate but reality. Maybe someone could really learn the ins and outs of the vaping gear, etc. and talk to the kids and teach them honestly about those items and I believe that would go a long way. I know it did with my daughter as she was growing up which is one thing my parents never did with me.

I also believe that the Tobacco companies are trying to push the small Vape Shops out of business so everyone will be left to have only their e-cigarettes to buy. Prove me wrong and I will change my mind on that. Also Big Pharma I believe is right behind them all due to the money they are losing due to people not buying cigarettes.

These bills have also clumped tobacco, e-cigarettes and cannabis within the same bill when in fact they should all be regulated separately. How do you even keep up with what you are proposing laws for? That is very unfair to the people you work for.

That is why I am also opposed to SB 417. Vape shops are not tobacco shops. They do not sell to kids. I am quite sure the OLCC does not understand e-cigarettes or know how they work or what the ones sold in Vape Shops look like and the such. I don't know how they are supposed to be able to take on this

obligation along with all the others they have now and do it properly. I am pretty certain that the Cannabis issues Oregon is facing are way more than trying to over regulate e-cigarettes that are not a mind altering drug. Sensible regulations for e-cigarettes are ok with every vaper as in the age law but almost all of the issues in the rest of the bills are only infringing on Adult rights as free Americans, voters and tax payers.

Why do you want to impose laws that would put hundreds of small businesses out of business and hundreds of employees out of work? That is the total opposite of what I understand that Oregon wants as far as business's go. If this bill passes that is exactly what it will accomplish.

I can only hope you will really dig down deep and think about how this law would affect businesses in Oregon and the employees that work in them and what it will also do to the economy of this state. The Oregonians know what the right thing to do is and hopefully you do to, Do Not Pass This Bill.

One last note before closing. With all these e-cigarette bills going through you have changed me and thousands of other vapers along with their family, friends and neighbors who support the switch they were able to make from conventional cigarettes to e-cigarettes, into one issue voters. We will not be supporting anyone in the next election from any party that does not support vaping.

Very Respectfully,

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