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Hi my name is Theresa

I am asking you to reconsider this taxation on electronic cigarettes. I own and operate a vape store in a small town. This 50 % increase will be very devastating to my business and my customers and not to mention my employees if we go out of business. I feel that People should be able to choose other options of how they get their nicotine and not be taxed so high that they have to go back to the sickening habit of smoking. We can't afford a tax like this and I beg you to think of all the people this will affect! Yes, I believe in regulations, tax, and research but I also believe in being honest and fair! I fortunately get to see more positive than negative in this business. WE have long standing customers base of over 4 years that this will be directly affected by this massive increase of tax! Yes, they have not been proven to be 100% safe but taxing them to allow big tobacco to run this industry is completely wrong. Cigarettes Kill and this will force people to go back to smoking! These devices for the smoker are huge and life changing! We plead with you to consider a lower tax and be fair in your decision on this tax! This feels to me to be a way for the government to shut this industry down and shame on all of you that vote for this horrific tax on electronic cigarettes

Thank you for hearing me today!

Theresa Ball/ Owner Baker City Vape