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ATTN: House Committee on Revenue

Chair Barnhart and members of the committee,

My name is Sal Peralta. I am a resident of McMinnville, OR. I am testifying on behalf of the Independent Party of Oregon and its 120,000 members statewide.

House Bill 2062 will treat e-cigarettes and other forms of inhaled nicotine products the same as regular cigarettes for the purpose of taxation under Oregon law. This proposal is supported by IPO members.

We believe that this legislation has public support from the left to the right. Each two year election cycle, the Independent Party of Oregon conducts a survey of its members to determine their policy preferences on a range of issues.

In our 2016-217 member survey, 69 percent of the 1560 people who participated supported this legislation, including 62 percent of the 469 members who identified Donald Trump supporters and 72 percent of the 480 members who identified as Sanders supporters.¹

We encourage candidates who were cross-nominated by the IPO to support this legislation and ask the committee to move the bill with a "Do Pass" recommendation.

Sincerely,

Sal Peralta
Secretary, Independent Party of Oregon

¹ <http://www.indparty.com/2016results/index.php>