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ATTN: House Committee on Health Care

Chair Greenlick & Members of the Committee,

My name is Sal Peralta. I am testifying on behalf of the Independent Party of Oregon. The Independent Party of Oregon supports SB 754-A.

Reducing cigarette use is one of the most important public health issues of the 21st century. According to a recent report by the US Surgeon General, the United States currently spends 170 billion per year on health-care expenses related to tobacco and 90 percent of adult smokers start smoking cigarettes as teenagers.

IPO supports a consistent regulatory framework for nicotine products and generally favors raising the age of legal use to 21 for all such products.

Sincerely,

Sal Peralta
Secretary, Independent Party of Oregon