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95% tax on my life preserver

Hello my name is Joseph gilpatrick I was a 20-plus year smoker. I quit smoking cigarettes using a vaporizer over 8 year's ago. The flavor that worked for me was peach. I originally thought tobacco flavor was going to work best for me but I continued to go back to smoking. I found that vaping a flavored vaporizer actually worked. Something that tastes entirely different than smoke got me to quit. I lost both of my parents to smoking... They were addicted to tobacco fifty plus years. Trying to quit countless times and failing. From when they were younger to the time they died the government just kept taxing and taxing cigarettes knowing good and well they would pay it. Saying lie's like rasing price would help them quit. Raising taxes will somehow save the children. So by the time my mom was 70 a pack of smokes cost her 7 bucks in California. She had ashma and she was on oxygen could not walk to the kitchen from the hospital bed in her living room because she hadn't been able to climb the stairs to her bed for the last five years. Having to wash in a sink because the shower is upstairs also. She was still smoking. I have spent my lunch money on smokes myself and starved all day at work. Study after study shows how addicted smokers are. They even compare tobacco addiction to herion and cocaine. Do. You know what happens when they raise the price for herion and cocaine..... People pay more because they are addicted. Is our government going to continue to impose this drug dealer like practice to steal money from the lower income and mentally unstable and the people who just can't quit. Oregon taxes marijuana at 17% recreational. For a mind altering drug. You propose a 95%tax on vape products. The same as cigarettes!!!! With out these life saving harm reduction tools I would be on the same path as my dead parents!!! I have been manufacturing over 200 FDA registered vape products. I use the same edible nicotine that nicotine gum and losenge and patches use. I use flavors from the most reputable culinary flavor manufacturer and vegetable glycerin. That's it! I have a local thriving business that only caters to 21 and over and a amazing staff that believes in these products. The internet and convenient stores are easy places for kids to obtain beer, cigarettes, chew, salvia,cratom,and even vape

If we can find a way to only sell them at 21+location and have real age verification online then we will get somewere. But as long as there is a lobbyist with a check they will always be at every market. And you guys will treat vape like the devil.