

I'm a 68 year old Bend resident and registered voter. I smoked for over 30 years and tried every method out there to try to quit smoking. I was only successful when I tried vaping.

I haven't had a cigarette for 15 months. I have never liked the smell or taste of tobacco. During my smoking years I chewed gum or used a mint to camouflage the taste. I now use a flavored vape juice: Mint and berry flavored blend. It's the only flavor I like. Why are you trying to ban flavored vape juice for everyone? Banning flavored vape juice for kids is fine, but leave adults alone. We struggled for years to stop smoking.

You are attempting to punish me, an ex-smoker, by this action and it's absurd. Since quitting smoking, and while vaping, my blood pressure, cholesterol and weight have gone down and are now at healthy levels. A universal ban on flavored vape juices is unnecessary and punitive. I will remember on election day.

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