

Oregon Senators,

My name is Brian, I manage a vape store here in Salem Oregon. Vaping is not just an industry, we are also a community. We know about the Master Settlement Agreement and the tobacco bonds. If any of the lawmakers are not aware of what the MSA is, I urge you to ask about it before you decide to support this bill. We know you have been using a false narrative using the lung injury and also protecting children as a reason to try to kill our industry all because law makers gambled with taxpayer funds and lost. we all know that the lung injuries were caused by THC products and not nicotine products and I have evidence that shows protecting children is not your real concern. Your concern is that you have mis-managed the state's funds and now you are in a crisis to try to recover the lost funds. There are fewer smokers today than any time since they started keeping statistics in the 1960's. 40% of all americans smoked then and now it is down to 13.7% today (CDC data). The vape industry has made the largest dent in the nations biggest health care crisis and the lawmakers want to kill us so there will be more money in the Master Settlement Agreement if people quit vaping and went back to cigarettes which is the real motivation for this bill. We are prepared to share all of our information to the media in every form in order to inform your constituents of the real facts about this issue. With the MSA and the tax that is being proposed in a different bill are both designed to kill the vape industry. Ask yourself if you are ok with jobs being lost, people's health declining, and health care costs rising before you suport this bill. Long term projections for the economy and the cost of health care will improve if people are vaping instead of smoking cigarettes. I urge any of you seeking non-biased information please research the Competitive Enterprise Institute's articles on the vaping industry. As a former smoker of 30 years, I discovered vaping and have not touched a cigarette in over 6 years. I became involved in the industry because of my success with vaping. I thought we were the good guys helping people get away from tobacco products because cigarettes kill half of its customers. It is very frustrating to try to do something good in this world to just have some lawmakers try to make us look like villians.

Thank you for your consideration.

Brian