

Senate Health Committee

Subject: Support HB2261


Dear Chair and members of the Senate Health Committee,

My name is Matt Minahan and I am here to support HB2261 with the draft amendment that exempts products that have been designated with approval from the FDA. Thank you for listening to my comments.

HB 2261 will capture some of the best technology we have today to get smokers to quit. New products are being developed that are lower risk and these products go through a long, very stringent process with the Food and Drug Administration. These products allow cigarette smokers a better chance in quitting and a chance for better health. We need an exception for these new, low risk products that have already been approved by the FDA and future products that are approved by the FDA.

I support the intent of this bill, but the amendment will square Oregon State Law with the Federal law. It will recognize products designated PMTA (Premarket Tobacco Product Application) with President Biden's FDA, based on a strict science based process.

Sincerely,



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