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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB3090

Dear star senate

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed ban on vapes in our state. As a citizen and an advocate for individual rights and freedoms, I believe that such a ban would do more harm than good and infringe upon the personal liberties of our citizens.

While I recognize the concerns about the potential health risks associated with vaping, I do not believe that banning vapes is the appropriate solution. Vaping has become a popular alternative to smoking for many people, including adults who are trying to quit smoking cigarettes. For them, vaping can be a valuable tool in their efforts to improve their health and well-being. By banning vapes, we would be taking away a tool that many people use to manage their addiction and improve their health. Moreover, many vapes are designed to deliver nicotine in a much safer and more controlled way than traditional cigarettes. Vaping devices allow users to choose the level of nicotine they want to inhale, reducing the risk of addiction or overdose. Additionally, because they don't burn tobacco, vapes don't produce tar or other harmful chemicals that cause lung cancer or other respiratory illnesses.

I also believe that a ban on vapes would create an underground market for these products, which would be much more dangerous and difficult to regulate. Black market products are often poorly made and can contain dangerous substances like lead, heavy metals, and other harmful chemicals that can cause serious health problems.

Lastly, a ban on vapes would infringe upon the personal liberties of individuals who choose to use these products. Adults have the right to make their own decisions about what they put into their bodies, and a ban on vapes would be an overreach of government authority.

In conclusion, I strongly urge you to reconsider the proposed ban on vapes. Instead, let's focus on providing education and resources to people who use vapes, as well as regulating the industry to ensure that products are safe and effective.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Brian Dockery