

Re: HB3090

Dear Representatives,

I am a former smoker and vaper, and I urge you to not impose a flavor ban on nicotine and tobacco products. If existing laws are enforced, there is simply no need, and it hurts responsible consumers, especially those who choose in earnest to use vapor products for harm reduction. If we cannot keep flavored tobacco and vapor products out of the hands of children with existing laws, how can we expect to keep flavored cannabis or alcohol out of those same hands? I am absolutely in favor of keeping children safe, but I fear many have been misled to think vapor products are the problem, and flavor bans are the solution. This is simply not the case.

How many times do business owners and everyday consumers need to testify on these unnecessary, and in some cases harmful, flavor bans? I would prefer we all focus on working together to ensure every person in this state has access to clean air, water and land, that children have unhindered access to behavioral health, food and education, and everyone has affordable and quality medical, dental and mental health services.

Thank you.