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On Behalf Of:

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I'm a small local business owner, that has lived in Oregon my entire life. I work this business with my three children, so we are a true family business. This ban would severely impact my stores profitability yet again. I say again because as a small business owner I've had numerous expenses as a result of the endless crime allowed in Oregon. From painting over graffiti, to installing expensive camera systems, to hiring additional staff to just monitor shoplifting. With the loss of these sales, it will impact my family business by over \$2200 net profit a month. Again, where can I cut expenses in an already slim margin business. Well, I will have to lay another person off, and that's just wrong. As a successful liquor agent for the state of Oregon, we have a perfect track record on preventing any illegal sales to minors. If this is part of the concern for presenting the bill, why not allow those businesses that are 21 and over to become the legal place to purchase? When you allow drugs but ban a menthol product it becomes another unbelievable reality of how "crazy, dumb, ridiculous, etc." this beautiful state has become. Continuing to hurt small business in Oregon has to stop, and I'm hoping that you will listen. The reality of banning menthol/flavored products will just push more illegal trade, it won't stop the current customers from using. These constant negative impacts to business in Oregon hurts the economy and will only continue to diminish Oregon's reputation. Please reconsider this ban,

Respectfully

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