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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB3090

Good evening, Chari Rob Nose and committee. My Name is Nadeem Rezayee, and I own Culver Market and Burnside Market located in small town of Culver and Portland metro area.

I am a 35-year-old Afghan American. I am proud to be a tax-paying, law-abiding citizen of the United States. I have always been deeply committed to contributing to my community and to this country.

As an Afghan American, I have faced many challenges, but I have always believed that hard work and determination can help me overcome any obstacles. I have worked hard to build a successful career in owning and operating small business in the state of Oregon, and I am grateful for the opportunities that the state of Oregon has provided me.

However, I am deeply concerned about the proposed ban on flavored tobacco products. As a business owner I currently employing 15 plus employees in my two locations. Covid was rough and we barely survived the pandemic, and if this bill goes in effect, it will have a drastically negative impact on my business to the point where I would have to shut my doors and lay off all my 15 employees.

State of Oregon has long been supporter of small businesses and have helped thousands of startups. HB3090 will not only devastate this tax paying business but it will also cause thousands of people to be jobless, homeless and on the streets.

I understand the importance of protecting public health, but I believe that there are better ways to address the issue of selling to minors. Mandate of ID verification tools, Education and awareness campaigns, as well as regulations, could be more effective solutions.

Thank you for taking the time to get to know me and my concerns about the proposed ban on flavored tobacco products. I Oppose the HB3090 and as a tax-paying, law-abiding citizen, I hope that my voice will be heard in this important matter.