

Hello, my name is Robert Wright.

I am the manager at Inhale Exhale in Redmond.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak on behalf of the ban of all smokeless tobacco.

To start, we live in the land of the free but things like this don't feel like a free land, left and right you are trying to take away our rights and decisions about our own bodies. Not only will this ban effect shop owners, but it can also cause thousands of people to lose their jobs. Which in this economy is a terrifying thought.

vaping has helped so many people near me including myself. It has helped us quit smoking cigarettes and get our health back on track.

I value consumer rights. Why is it Soda, cigarettes, alcohol and flavored marijuana are not illegal? Why should vaping, which is "more than 95% healthier than tobacco according to Our Health England, year over year" be taken away from me? So, I can start smoking again and becoming a burden to myself, my family and Oregon's Healthcare system?

This type of ban was JUST ruled to be unconstitutional in Washington county. My consumer rights are nothing to be taken lightly.

As a store manager I see daily the 100s upon 100s of adults who rely on vaping to stay off cigarettes. I serve them with pride with the knowledge that vaping is improving their lives.

They feel way better about themselves, not only their health, but their dignity.

Making this illegal will push people back to cigarettes.... exactly what Big Tobacco wants. Cigarette sales are down anywhere from 46% to 75% depending on the studies. A direct result of this life saving technology being available. Shall we push kids to experiment with CIGARETTES instead? A product known to be PACKED with carcinogens that kill nearly HALF a million people in the USA annually and cost our Healthcare systems untold millions upon millions of dollars annually?

We have laws in place to protect children, increase enforcement of our existing and robust laws. Do not take away our right to choose this life saving technology over the Big Tobacco preferred alternatives. Not only is it easier for a child to sneak a single cigarette out of a pack, but they're far more addictive and easier to get their hands on. Also, walking the streets you don't see empty vapes, but I guarantee you'll see multiple cigarette butts on them, especially in big cities like this one. Nearly every public area you'll see them, lakes, rivers, store parking lots and sadly even parks. Our youth are very likely to pick them up and smoke them, which is not only a way to start their addiction, but it can also transmit deadly diseases.

Say NO to Big Tobacco, do your research and reach out to CASAA to hear why Big Tobacco MUST fail in passing horrific bills like HB 3090. VOTE NO ON HB 3090 VOTE NO TO BIG TOBACCO MISINFORMATION. And protect Oregonian's consumer rights.

Thank you for your time and considerations of the unintended dangers behind HB3090....which must be voted down.