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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB3090

Dear Chair Nosse, Vice-Chairs Nelson and Goodwin, and members of the House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care:

I am Hudda Osman, and I am writing to express my strong support for HB 3090, the Preventing Nicotine Addiction bill. This bill will protect our children and communities by prohibiting the sale of all flavored tobacco products in Oregon.

As someone who has witnessed the devastating impact of nicotine addiction on my own family and loved ones, I know firsthand the importance of preventing our youth from starting to use these harmful products. I have seen the effects of nicotine use in the Somali community, especially among Somali youths.

Not only have I witnessed the devastating effects of nicotine addiction on individuals and communities, but I have also seen the suffering of those impacted by lung cancer. I have watched family members suffer and die from this terrible disease. It is heartbreaking to see the impact of nicotine addiction on individuals and their families. Flavored tobacco products, such as menthol cigarettes and flavored e-cigarettes, are particularly appealing to young people. The fruity and sweet flavors mask the harsh taste of tobacco, making it easier for young people to start using these products. This has led to a surge in youth nicotine use, which can have serious and long-lasting health consequences.

By passing this bill, Oregon can take a strong step forward in protecting the health of our youth and communities. As a member of the Somali community, I know that nicotine use is a significant problem for our youth. Many Somali parents are concerned about the impact of nicotine addiction on their children and are looking for solutions.

I urge you to support this bill and take action to protect the health of our community.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Hudda Osman