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I am a 34 year old and was a heavy cigarette smoker since I was 13 years old. The only thing that helped me get away from them is vaping. I 100% blame my early teenage addiction to the big cigarette company's and I truly believe that this move to ban flavored vape products in protection of underage folk will turn out to do the exact effect. Kids are still going to be able to buy these products off the internet, across the river in Washington, etc. This doesn't stop them from buying it, it just makes it more dangerous to do so. As an adult, I should have the freedom to be able to purchase these products. Banning it doesn't stop kids from getting it, trust me, I've been there and I'm sure a lot of you reading this have to. If we really want to make a lasting, positive impact on the children, why are we focused on this instead of the reasons why they choose to turn to substances in the first place? I love our state so much...I just wish we spent the governments energy focusing on really important matters. Us humans get to choose which products we ingest, but what we don't get to choose are the freedoms to do so and that is not right. This will impact so many small businesses in our state that pay their taxes and support the economy. This will hurt more than it helps.