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Dear Senate Committee on Education,

I want to express my gratitude for your ongoing commitment to fostering a safe and healthy environment in schools. I am writing to extend my support for the initiative to add vape detectors in our high school bathrooms. Implementing these detectors could play a significant role in addressing vaping issues among our students and promoting their overall well-being.

We spend valuable time and resources “patrolling” bathrooms each day to keep students from vaping and safe. It feels like a never-ending cycle of concern. Unfortunately, we do not have the budget to outfit our bathrooms and locker rooms with detectors. We worry about the effects these vapes have on children (both nicotine and marijuana). This tool will not only serve as a punishment but also as a deterrent, allowing students to concentrate on their studies. Not having access to bathrooms for vaping will positively impact their overall health.

Thank you for considering this important enhancement to our school’s safety measures. I appreciate your efforts in making our schools a better place for our students.

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