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**Re: Support Senate Bill 1571 and Protect Oregon Youth**

Chair Senator Prozanski and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

The Deschutes County Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB) strongly supports passage of Senate Bill 1571, to protect our youth by regulating nicotine products and making them part of Oregon Tobacco Law. There needs to be more regulation of these dangerous products to protect our youth, similarly to how youth vaping became an epidemic in Oregon.

Currently, Oregon doesn't have a state law that restricts the sale of nicotine products, such as pouches, and they can be purchased online, while regulated tobacco products cannot. There is no oversight or safeguards in place and youth can now shop online for the best deal they can find in their favorite flavor with very few obstacles. This is most concerning since nicotine exposure during adolescence can harm the developing brain and can impact learning, memory, and attention (Travis, 2024).

By passing Senate Bill 1571, there will be a 21 and older age restriction for nicotine products in Oregon law, nicotine products must be purchased in person at a licensed store, and online sales of these products will be eliminated. Also, retailers selling nicotine products will receive annual compliance inspections to ensure they are not selling to youth or providing samples and sales promotions.

Please don't let our Oregon youth be harmed by nicotine products and vote yes on Senate Bill 1571 and help our youth live addiction-free lives.

Sincerely,

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