

Taylor Thrush

From: Pete Zaker <spl151@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 11:04 AM
To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I understand the Governor concerns, I too have similar. I believe this action is an reactionary, with out under standing who it will effect. If gas station and party store are the gate way allowing underaged gain access, ban them from selling. Vape shops ID people as the enter. They are vigilant since it's all they sell, they can't afford getting caught selling to a minor. I personally, quit smoking a year ago thanks to a non tobacco flavor. If I'm forced to pick between fake tobacco and real I choose real. Please don't make me smoke again

Sorry for grammatical errors, I'm writing from a phone

Thanks
Pete Zaker

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From: Stephen Moser <user@votervoice.net>
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To: Taylor Thrush
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Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I have been vaping now for about 5 years, after being a 2 pack a day smoker for about 15 years. While I understand and agree with the desire to keep nicotine products out of the hands of youth, we must also understand that vaping is proven to be not only safer than cigarettes, but also not responsible for the issues currently bantered about by the media (illegal thc vaping has been linked to these issues). The age restrictions currently in place are something I 100% agree with, but to punish those of us who use flavored vapo products as a viable alternative to smoking is reckless and irresponsible.

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Taylor Thrush

From: Troy Guthrie <guthrietroy@gmail.com>
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To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I have been off cigarettes for 7 years thanks to vaping. Please don't take this away from the public. I will search out on black market, I do not want to be forced into going back to cigarettes. Please do something to help us!

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Taylor Thrush

From: Cecelia Owens <cowens.11@hotmail.com>
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From: Angora Little <user@votervoice.net>
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To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

Hello. I am 48 and vaping for 7 years. Only buy from one store. Kalamazoo vapor. Please do not take my rights away as an adult to vape. The black market tobacco stores vape products come from China is a different issue. Kalamazoo vapor store makes the product they sell here in Michigan. And they only sell that product. Never have I had a problem with my eliquid. 3% nicotine vanilla flavor is what I use. Kids are buying high nicotine to get the HIGH feeling and getting sick is ridiculous

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To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

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After smoking for 25yrs, I used electronic vape devices to safely quit smoking. The alternative were patches, and the psychotic drug Chantix. I chose vape devices since my Doctor claims they are much more harmless, and the Chantix drug has potential serious side effects including suicidal thoughts, and thoughts of hurting or killing loved ones. (check side effects on WebMD).

I figured if propylene glycol can be used in asthma inhalers, it would be safe for me. Fast forward 3 yrs, my physician says my lungs look like that of a non-smoker.

I have two kids in school. One in middle school, and one in high school. They both know I vape and see me vape on a daily basis. I asked them if they ever see any kids vape or use e-cigarettes in either school, and they both said "never".

Now I'm not saying that no kids use e-cigs, but it certainly isn't the "State of Emergency" the governor and her cabinet claim, and is certainly no danger. Plus, products with nicotine are already illegal to buy under 18yrs old.

The real danger is, the state of michigan losing the tobacco settlement money because of e-cigs. People are successful quitting smoking by the millions. The general public never approved the State to borrow hundreds of millions of dollars in bonds, with the settlement as collateral. The fact is, law makers want people to continue to smoke tobacco products so the money flow continues.

State budget solutions calculated that e-cigarettes and vape devices can save billions nationwide in Medicaid costs alone.

The ban is without merit, ridicules and politically motivated. Nothing else.

Legalize pot, sell psychotic drugs, but ban the best way to quit smoking. Makes no sense at all. Go figure.

By the way. My favorite flavors are, Lemon Meringue Pie, Strawberries & Cream, and a flavor that resembles Fruit Loops cereal.

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Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

The decision to ban flavors sets up Michigan to fail. When the FDA completes its process and brings electronic cigarettes under their control. Michigan will not benefit from this process because all flavored cigarettes will be in the black market. This situation brings addition dangers to all persons in Michigan. Echos of the 5 deaths from black market THC vapes, this is the course the Governor has set us on.

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Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I quit smoking nearly six years ago. I vape a low level nicotine flavored vape juice and feel healthier than ever. I walk 20 miles a week with no breathing issues.

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Taylor Thrush

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Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 11:26 AM
To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

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Taylor Thrush

From: Tracy Maynard <user@votervoice.net>
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To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

My name is Tracy Maynard and I quit smoking after 25 years thanks to vaping and flavored vaping products. A variety of flavors from peach to coffee to chocolate and more helped me distance myself from burned tobacco. Without flavor variety I would almost certainly still be smoking today. If this autocratic, undemocratic ban goes into effect it will effectively close the entire vaping market. If you ban > 90% of a businesses product, what else could be expected to happen? Of course, cigarettes will still be available everywhere. Is the real goal for people like me to return to smoking and continue to funnel more cash to Lansing's coffers? I've noticed tobacco taxes generate more revenue for this state than business taxes do. Is sacrificing my health (not to mention democracy itself) a small price to pay to "fix the damn roads"? Or is it the satisfaction privileged, wealthy white women get from treating working class nicotine users like the scum of the earth that motivates this kind of authoritarian zeal?

This is not about health. This is not about children. Children come with parents that are responsible for their behavior. It is these parents who enable their children to purchase age restricted products, and it is these parents that should be called to task for their irresponsibility if their children acquire them. The power of the state should not be abused so parents can have a pass for funding their children's illegal behavior.

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From: Nicholas Beckman <toejam1998@gmail.com>
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To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I have been a non smoking citizen of Michigan for 6 years now and i can thank vaping for it.

Because i had the choice of flavors and still have the choice of flavors is the soul reason why i HAVE NOT PICKED UP A CIGARETTE IN 6 YEARS. Now when the Governor decided that i shouldn't get a choice, this tells me and many other Adults that the state of Michigan doesn't care if there's a healthier option to smoking and we should go back to combustible cigarettes.

This ban on flavor is just a little hypocritical for that fact that Cigars are still aloud to have flavors. And um hello menthol is still a flavor additive, but i guess thats ok.

Now the main reason for the Governor action is a "public health concern".

Some of her points are billboards and this lung disease that is going around.

I am a truck driver so i see all types of billboards. Haven't seen a vaping related billboard in over 3 years.

Now this lung disease has been linked to the CBD oil (cannabis oil) researched but New York, Minnesota, California, Wisconsin, and there ais another state but i cant remember now health departments And then the most craziest statement of all "they are selling e cigarettes next to candy on the shelves". PLEASE I HAVE BEEN VAPING FOR 6 YEARS AND HAVE NEVER EVER SEEN THAT NOR WILL I EVER. Have you ever seen this i doubt it because retailers are not dumb.

I do think there should be a 18+ for vaping. There are already laws to prohibited cigarettes and alcohol why is vaping any different, Alcohol has flavor and Traverse city can still make wine.

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Taylor Thrush

From: Amanda Terreault <atayterr@gmail.com>
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To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I am Amanda Terreault, a 31-year-old Michigan Taxpayer that has been cigarette-free for over five years thanks to a Blue Slushee vape that I fell in love with in 2014.

I started smoking when I was 17 years old, and I continued doing so for over eight years. I had tried several times to quit smoking cigarettes, but my nicotine addiction and habits were hard to break. My brother started vaping about a year before I did with the explanation "I'm addicted to nicotine, and I don't want to die." With a history of cancer in the family and seeing my mother trying to quit cigarettes for the entirety of my lifetime, I knew I wanted to get off the cancer sticks.

There weren't a lot of options when I first started vaping. I bought all my supplies online and hoped they were made well and not tainted in any way. I tried a lot of fruity flavors while still smoking cigarettes. Then I found it -- Blue Slushee. It tasted just like the frozen beverage; almost impossibly so. Within two days I threw away my remaining cigarettes. I threw them away, and I never looked back.

Thankfully, the vaping community has since flourished, and it is much easier to pop into a local shop to buy a variety of flavors. There is no more need to buy products online from a seedy website. While I miss Blue Slushee, I find solace in vaping mint, pink lemonade, strawberry kiwi, "rainbow" flavor (skittles), and so on from respectable brands.

I smoked cigarettes for seven years. Not once did I ever buy a tobacco-flavored vape. I've sampled them, sure, and they taste horrendous. Possibly worse than actual cigarettes. Vapers are not going to switch to tobacco-flavor or flavorless vape, so I worry that we're going to see a spike in cigarette smoking again.

My main concern is my mother. My mother has smoked cigarettes since her teens. This year, she made the full switch to vape products. I couldn't be happier. She looks better, sounds better, feels better. She has been cigarette-free for only two short months, and she has lowered her nicotine down from 18mg to 6mg. I'm so proud of her, but I know she misses her cigarettes. They were her best friends for 50+ years! I'm worried that without access to her orange creamsicle, fruit stripe gum, and other fruity flavors she is going to go back to cigarettes. My whole family is worried.

In addition to myself and my mother, I'm worried about my brother. He is a part owner of a local vape shop in Farmington, MI. They have a vast array of flavored vape liquids that make up most of their sales. They're in the works of opening another vape shop in Wixom this year. I don't know how they're going to make it through this ban. Six months of hits on sales could cripple them and close their doors -- leaving my brother and his coworkers unemployed.

I've seen mentions in vaping forums that people are just going to make their own. I worry that this ban is going to create a blackmarket of unsafe vaping liquids. The vaping community just came out of the era of shady marketplace buys. I don't want to go back.

This ban effects way more than just teens. I understand that there is an epidemic of teens vaping, but there has always been an epidemic of teens addicted to cigarettes and alcohol. Where was the action there? Why now? Why is the vaping community taking the fall here?

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From: Eunice Ferguson <user@votervoices.net>
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Subject: Vaping issues

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

Hi. I am very upset about the new Vaping laws. I have been a nurse for 40 years and have smoked cigarettes since I was 14 years old. I quit cigarettes as soon as I started vaping. I am scared to death that if I cannot buy my vaping supplies I will turn back to cigarettes.

It has been stated all over the news that these children were vaping THC in their mods. I feel that is what has made them do sick.

Why can't we put an age limit on them like there is on alcohol. Anyone that does not look 40 gets carded and you must be 26 to buy. Wouldn't this solve the issue? I think we are going to see many more children smoking cigarettes and marijuana which, in my opinion is much, much worse. Thank you for your time

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Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

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Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

Let's be sensible about this. Do what Ohio is doing. Raise the age limit to 21. Ban online sales. Tax it even. Prohibition of it is not the answer. Vaping nicotine eliquid is not killing people. It's illegal thc cartridges which brings up weed as a topic. It's gonna be recreational soon in this state and will be regulated in a strict way to prevent kids from doing it. So regulate e-cigarettes the same way. I am a shop owner. I stand to lose my investment if this happens which ultimately does not really bother me. I am very educated and never quit my career because I knew big government was going to crush it just like they do everything else but sending people back to cigarettes is not a better solution.

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From: DALE MILLER <DALEMILLER1@MSN.COM>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 11:45 AM
To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

My name is Dale Miller.....I was a 4 pack a day smoker who had smoked for 40 some years.....I had tried everything to quit patches, lozenges, chantix... the only thing that worked for me was butterscotch vape.....I started at 24mg nic and now after 6 years I am down to .03 nic.....vaping flavored juice has saved my life and legs....I have peripheral artery disease due to my smoking cigarettes they were talking about amputating my legs before I quit....now 6 years later I am doing fine....please don't send me back to cigarettes

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From: Jessy Eichen <jessykruegerr@gmail.com>
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To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I manage an FDA regulated vape shop. 3 years ago I was a pack a day smoker. This was negatively reacting with my autoimmune disorder (lupus) and creating more problems than necessary for me. Since switching to vaping I have experienced a dramatic shift in my health. After a year and a half of vaping I accepted a position with my company. At this point I've dedicated my life to helping people switch to vaping. Not to mention this position allowed me to quit the physically and mentally draining service industry. DO NOT take away my livelihood and the livelihood of thousands with your own selfish agendas.

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To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I quit smoking August 5, 2011 with the help of vaping. The first week I quit, I felt better - I could breathe better, no congestion no coughing.

Vaping was a great tool to quit smoking and I do believe it saved my life as I smoked one pack of cigarettes a day for 16 years.

As a 38-year-old ADULT, I do not think it's not fair for the government to tell me what I can or can't spend MY hard-earned money on.

Everyday under age kids use drugs, drink alcohol and smoke cigarettes. Yes, it's very unfortunate, but it's reality. Why don't you focus on banning kids and keeping them safe from that, instead of banning EVERYONE from fruity flavors of vaping products that could potentially save MILLIONS of lives?!

How about fixing the damn roads finally? Without a huge gas tax hike?

I voted for Governor Whitmer because I like what she had to say and what she stood for. I feel like I was brutally back stabbed when she announced this. Something that helped me and saved me....you're going to take away from me now. How can you do this?

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To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I started smoking cigarettes again after 25 years of having quit due to a divorce. When I reached up to a pack a day I knew it was time to find an alternative way to quit. I heard about vaping. I tried it and found a source at a local retail vape store, recommended to me by one of my adult kids. The flavor was better and I could decide at what nicotine level to start. To be honest...I have tried cigs a couple of times only to be reminded as to why I quit in the first place. The flavor!! I do not buy vape juice from any place but vape stores that have abided by all regulations placed on them. If I can't get my flavored vape juice, I am afraid I will unfortunately revert back to cigarettes. I am concerned about all the law abiding stores and their livelihoods having to shut down due to this ban. I am 64 years old and should not have to abide by this ban. I believe that safer ways of regulating children is fine, as I do not encourage minor children to partake in anything illegal. I am too old for the government to be telling me what is best for me. Especially something that I feel has not harmed me but helped me, and several others quit smoking, including my 2 of my adult children and their spouses.

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Taylor Thrush

From: Danny Corbett <corbettdanny@hotmail.com>
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To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I am an avid vaper.. I used to smoke cigarettes when I'd get nervous or uncomfortable and seeing as I have high anxiety and severe social anxiety, it was often. I'm 34 and have been vaping for years. Never experienced any vape related illness in fact I'm able to go to the gym for an hour now run and lift weights. On cigarettes I would have been coughing and hacking 15 minutes in. I'm not prepared to go back to cigarettes so if this ban is approved it may take away my temporary anxiety relief making me isolate even more than I do. I'm an adult, and I have the right to choose what I want to do. Smoking kills way more people than these bootleg thc cartridges (which is what people are getting sick off of). Vaping has been around 15 years and all this is popping up? Parents need to take responsibility for their children and have more of a hands on upbringing. It's not the government's job to raise them it's the parents

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From: Renee Cummins <recummins4@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 11:55 AM
To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

Please know I absolutely do not want one single individual hurt by these products! I was a smoker for 40 years when my doctor said I had emphysema. I quit tobacco smoking and switched to Vibe vape cigarettes. Without these I believe I would still be smoking! I still crave and want tobacco cigarettes. I also know that I feel better; breathe better with less cough and less shortness of breath! Not everyone abuses these things! I would ask why youth are allowed to purchase these products, do we not have laws in place already? As a society, we can never ban everything that has made sick or killed someone. If we try than we should be working on McDonalds, alcohol, and so many others! Please do not take away my effort at better health!

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To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

Please don't take away my rights as a mature adult. Instead of prohibition (which was a disaster with alcohol), enforce parental responsibility for the minors who are buying the vaping products. Also enforce laws of no sales to minors. Please don't take away my right to a safer alternative to cigarettes. Thank you. Barbara Channell

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Taylor Thrush

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Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I have so many reasons to be upset by this, I smoked 42 yrs. prior to becoming an ACLEANCIGARETTE Customer, first time in my life I was successful giving up NASTY burning tobacco. I have been employed with ACLEANCIGARETTE for over 6 yrs.and have not touched a single cigarette. I am 62 yrs old and at risk of losing my job and my health insurance.My anxiety is thru the roof not only for myself but for the Customers that depend on us.Sad fact is many have such a strong addiction they are afraid they will have no choice but to turn back to NASTY burning tobacco.I have seen heavy smokers give up burning tobacco by using a flavor.I am a menthol smoker and feel this should be my choice.

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To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

My name is Roy Cartwright, I'm 48 years old, and I can state that vaping has saved my life. Almost 5 and a half years ago I was diagnosed with COPD Emphysema and was put on Spiriva, a 3-4 day a week breathing treatment program as well as a rescue inhaler. I was dealing with yearly, if not twice yearly respiratory infections, and in the 3 years before I finally bought my first vape I had pneumonia 5 times, 3 of those in the last year.

I knew I had to quit smoking, but 30 years of going from a pack a day to three packs made it seem impossible. I would have coughing fits where I was completely unable to catch my breath, and then I would light up another cigarette.

I reached a breaking point, I had to try something, the gum didn't work, the patch only increased my want for a cigarette, and I had heard enough nightmare stories about Chantix I was not even going to take a chance, as I already suffer from bi-polar depression.

I bought my first vape a little over 4 and a half years ago now, and one of the first things I had to do was get away from tobacco flavors. I know how my brain works and if I am vaping something that is tobacco flavored it is far to easy for me to switch back to a regular smoke. After I had started vaping I soon learned that I was also Type 2 diabetic. Having the fruity and dessert flavors available in the e-liquids helped curb my sweet tooth which has allowed me to keep my blood sugar pretty well in check (my love of pasta not included).

The most significant improvement for me on the respiratory issue is that with a year I was off of all of my breathing treatments. I am able to be outdoors on humid summer days with out feeling like I am breathing in a marsh. I was able to walk around Disney on a family vacation all day and not get so winded that I had to sit for 15minutes like I had when we had gone down 6 years ago, when I was still smoking. I am not the only person who has had this experience. I know this because I have seen and read testimonials from people who have managed to quit using traditional cigarettes, as well as personal friends.

Adults enjoy sweet, dessert and fruity flavors just a much as anyone. The fact that it allows us just another buffer from traditional tobacco is a HUGE bonus. I have not had a cigarette since I switched, and I do not miss it. My nicotine intake is actually less than that of an ultra-light cigarette.

My primary care physician is very happy with how my lungs are currently functioning. He also knows I use a vaping device as it was at his suggestion I, actually, strongly considered it. I thank my doctor for being open minded enough to know and understand the difficulties in quitting smoking and being willing to suggest a legitimate solution.

This executive order from Gov Whitmer is an egregious over reach coming from a place of misinformation or willful ignorance. I have seen more kids going into party stores and gas stations to purchase flavored wraps for their marijuana, which is illegal on two fronts, than any vape shop I frequent.

On the issue of health risks overall: The New England Journal of Medicine has scientifically concluded that vaping is more effective to help people quit smoking than any of the other "government approved" methods...The Royal College of Physicians advisory board in London have stated the electronic cigarettes/vaping are 95% safer than traditional

cigarettes. That is NOT to say they are safe. There are significantly fewer dangerous chemicals produced from vaping than the 69+ KNOWN CARCINOGENS produced by traditional cigarettes.

In conclusion...I can not urge this committee, as well as the representatives and senators of this great state to kill this directive from the governors office.

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Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

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Taylor Thrush

From: William Sohmer <bsohmer@charter.net>
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Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

While I wanted to attend this meeting work has prohibited me so I'd like to voice my concern and provide some history of myself.

I had been a pack a day smoker for 42 years. I have tried everything to stop smoking to improve my health from the gum which tasted nasty, the nicotine patch that gave me jitters, and Chantix that gave me violent dreams and forced me out of the bedroom until it was out of my system.

After doing research and speaking to others I tried vaping. I was advised NOT to use tobacco flavors since that is what I'm attempting to quit. It has been 4 years now and I have not picked up a cigarette, my lungs are healing, and I can taste food again. My physician has noticed a big difference in my annual exams.

The youth and adults who are experiencing lung illnesses and dying are vaping products filled with an illegal THC / Cannabis Oil, not those bought over the counter for the nicotine replacement delivery. The illegal THC and Cannabis Oil vape cartridges are manufactured using additives and thickeners that are not meant to be inhaled, such as Vitamin E Acetate. Vape pens/devices that are used to deliver nicotine replacement do not use this method. It is important to note, while both illegal THC / Cannabis Oil and Nicotine e-liquid can be "vaped", we have an illegal drug public health concern, not a vaping nicotine replacement products with flavored e-liquid issue.

I'm pleading that this ban is lifted and place stricter fines or pull licenses on gas stations, convenience stores, tobacco stores that are selling to teens.

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Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I was a smoker for close to 2 decades till i tried vaping and i tried the tobacco flavors in all kinds and they tasted just plain horrible and if it werent from the dessert flavor i would still be smoking today or dead aince when i switched to ejuice i was coughing up blood couldnt breathe and was just in horrible health i have been vaping since i was 26 and i am 31 now my doctor has since said that vaping LITERALLY saved my life because now i dont have any of those problems and i an going to be running a 10k in a few weeks. Flavors in ejuice are vital because they help by giving you somethibg that you can enjoy amd you cam slowly bring nicotine down.i am opposed to cbd and thc vapes because they ARE killing people and it is giving all of vaping a bad name. Vaping has been around for 15+years and Cbd and THC vapes have been around for maybe a year and a half or so. Now there are hospitalizations and death neing blamed on all vaping when it is just those 2 product types you want to ban ANYTHING that deserves a ban because it IS HARMING PEOPLE.

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Taylor Thrush

From: Jason Traylor <jasonfoor4@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 12:32 PM
To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I started smoking combustible tobacco at the age 13 on Halloween night. I had older friends that got me into it and I have regretted the day ever since but, when I turned 28 I decided I was gonna make the switch after having a doctors appointment and the news that my doctor had given me about my health. Since then I visit my doctor once a year and my lungs have been clear I can breath again I no longer have a wheezing in my chest or cough violently and spit up all kinds of mucus. Because of Vapor products I can now run again or even walk up a flight of stairs without becoming fatigued. Vapor products have saved my life and hundreds of other that experienced that same things I went through. So I believe that taking flavored vapor products and e-liquids of the self with have irreversible damage to the population of the state of Michigan and the American people.

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Taylor Thrush

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Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I started smoking cigarettes at the age of 12 and am now 44. Thanks to vaping, I've been cigarette free for 8 months! I tried the gum, patch, lozenges, cold Turkey, you name it, and the only thing that worked was vaping!! I'm worried that taking away my right to vape would push me back to smoking cigarettes!! I NEVER want to go that route again!! Eight months is nothing compared to 30 plus years! Please reconsider this decision! Protect this once child smoker from going back to the nasty habit!

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Taylor Thrush

From: Karam Nasser <knasser051@hotmail.com>
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To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I got my wife to quit smoking w/vaping. She previously smoked menthol cigarettes for over 12 years. She quit smoking w/pluto a watermelon mint flavor. The flavor ban is a gross over reach of power & destroys my trust in our legislative process.

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Taylor Thrush

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To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

My name is Andrew Telgenhof, I am 28 years old and I started smoking cigarettes at the age of 15. I discovered in 2013 that a local business opened up near me that sells e cigarettes, I was intrigued and willing to give it try, anything to get me off the cigarettes. The employees at the business were very friendly, helpful, and knowledgeable. I immediately fell in love with the vanilla custard flavors, it is still a favorite of mine and has helped me quit. I have not had a cigarette in almost 7 years and have weaned myself down to a lower nicotine level over time. It would be a shame to see flavors that I love go away, that have helped me so much in my journey to become nicotine free. These flavors are way to cope with some of the withdrawals and symptoms you get from not smoking cigarettes.

Thank you for your time in reading my story.

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Taylor Thrush

From: Allen Johnson <user@voterveoice.net>
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To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I started Vaping in 2011. It all started out with tobacco flavors. And soon I switched over to fruity and candy flavors. Since then my overall health has improved. I feel a flavor ban is going create a black market and I also feel many people are going to try and mix their liquid. It is also going to cost business owners to lose their lively hood as well as the people they employ. Also the amount of tax revenue that comes to the state from the shops that sell. All in all I think the flavor ban is a horrible idea and I believe it will have people smoking traditional cigarettes again.

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Taylor Thrush

From: Chase McLean <chase.mclean@mivape1.com>
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To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

My name is Chase and I've been vaping for over 6 years. Before my son was born I was a heavy smoker, and my last year I was smoking a pack of cigarettes per day. During that time I began having coughing spouts, which resulted in coughing up specks of blood. I went to the hospital and was told that I had 13 cysts between both of my lungs and if I did not quit I would likely develop lung cancer. I quit smoking cold turkey. It was one of the hardest things I've ever done, I had relapses multiple times per year, buying a pack here and there, and paying the price. At times it was hard for me to breath, I couldn't hold my breath for long, I would cough and get headaches. The draw and cravings to smoke cigarettes were always there, even though I wanted to quit, if I was around friends, or people who were smoking I would ask for one and smoke it with them. I began vaping a few years after my son was born. The cravings for cigarettes almost immediately went away. I was even able to refuse a cigarette or even a cigar if presented to me. I cut down drastically on my nicotine intake over the years, going from 12 milligrams, to 3, and even 0 at times. I've settled on 3 to suit my needs, this keeps all my cravings at bay, and during the last 6 years my lung capacity has increased. I'm now able to hold my breath for a substantially longer time. I can taste food again, and I don't smell like smoke. I'm a responsible vaper, I don't do it around my kids, I don't vape in areas where it's not allowed. I respect my mother, my sisters, my father, and friends who do not want me to vape around them. But I don't break out in a cold sweat any longer when I go without for 15 minutes. Vaping has helped me improve my health. I prefer fruity flavors because I never enjoyed the taste of tobacco. I began smoking cigarettes at the age of 17 years old, of my own free will. The average age one begins smoking is 13 years old, 480,000 people die every year due to cigarettes, and 41,000 from exposure to second hand smoke from cigarettes. There have been 215 reported cases of illness due to vapes, these illnesses are due to marijuana liquids with vitamin e-acetate present in the liquids, which when inhaled, can be harmful. I find it confusing that Governor Whitmer would call these products "the same as deadly cigarettes." Although she did not ban cigarettes. I was able to overcome cigarettes because companies provided me a safe alternative. I respect the opinion of my representatives and the fact that the Governor is thinking of minors, I believe steps could be taken in order to ensure that these products stay out of the hands of minors.

- 1) Make it mandatory for businesses to card every person who comes in their store to purchase these products, and utilize a machine that can detect falsified ID's and minors.
- 2) revoke the ability to sell these products to businesses that are found guilty of selling to minors, for a period of time. (1-3 years recommended, and then being revoked permanently for a repeat offense.)
- 3) The businesses that are found guilty will have to have a sign on their businesses windows stating what they have done, for a period of time.

I agree with keeping these products out of the hands of minors. There are better ways to do so, than what's currently being implemented.

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Taylor Thrush

From: David Alexander <ninjagonepostal@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 12:57 PM
To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I was a smoker for 14 years. I was able to switch to vaping and wit smoking via flavored liquids. Your steps are unnecessary because vape shops require you to be 18 to even be present in the store and practice We ID. There was a similar call to this claiming vape shops were allowing underage people access and getting them hooked and the tables quickly turned when the FDA discovered that gas stations and convenience stores were the culprit. This attempt is simply Gretchen Whitmer admitting she's in big tobacco's pocket and removing alternative product to quit smoking. It's well known that vaping is drastically less dangerous to you than smoking. The FDA and CDC tried to smear campaign vaping and were meet with overwhelming evidence that they were in the wrong with their fear mongering and misinformation campaigns. Do fall to fake news with baseless claims and opinions on what vaping is. Always rely on demonstrable science. You're all taking steps towards not being reelected, or removed with this initiative.

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Taylor Thrush

From: Kyle Spires <kssrkr@live.com>
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To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I have been an avid user of these products for more than 5 years as of this writing. I am an ex-smoker that chose to start vaping as I believe it to be a healthier alternative to traditional combustible cigarettes. I made this decision out of concern for my health and because I know cigarettes kill people and shorten life expectancy by years and I want to be able to spend as much time as possible with my children.

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From: Artuz Baldovino <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 1:55 PM
To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

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From: Nick Furlo <nickbfurlo@gmail.com>
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To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

Switching from smoking to vaping allowed me to more easily quit smoking tobacco. By banning flavored e-liquid people will be much less likely to use e-cigarettes, meaning more people will stay on, or go back to smoking cigarettes. Taking away flavored vape juice promotes smoking cigarettes.

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Taylor Thrush

From: Laura Willea <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 1:34 PM
To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I have only been able to quit smoking cigarettes by vaping. I have had no health or lung problems and have been vaping for yrs. I prefer minty flavors so please don't take away our only chance to stop using cigarettes.

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Taylor Thrush

From: Tonya Cerimovic <senansmomma@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 1:38 PM
To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I was a cigarette smoker from the age of 14 to 30. I had developed severe asthma from smoking cigarettes by the time I was 17. I was on 2 different breathing medications. From 17 to 30 I suffered horribly from my asthma. Then started vaping strawberry flavored e-liquid and I have not had to use any medication for asthma at all. Not once in 5 years. I no longer have to worry about my children getting sick from second hand smoke because there is none from vaping. Please, please work on getting rid of this ban. The health of a lot of adult Michiganders will be in serious danger if this ban goes through. Please remember that those who are getting sick are getting sick from illegal THC cartridges even if they are too scared to admit it. Just think a minute, vaping has been around for many years and yet in the past few months people have gotten sick. Maybe they are getting some of those illegal cartridges that the man in Wisconsin made. So again please do not let this ban go through.

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From: Michael Chevillot <letmefly@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 1:29 PM
To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

The liberty of having this safer alternative to smoking is beneficial to everyone. The government banning this is going to have awful side effects. Cigarettes and alcohol cause more harm and death to people than vaping. If this is, as I read more about underage people vaping than the concern would be enforcing the existing law and not punishing the rest of the population for the acts of a few that break the law.

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Taylor Thrush

From: Jeffery Grachtrup <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 1:19 PM
To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I have been a tobacco smoker for over thirty years and just recently switched to vaping and the flavored e-liquid has satisfied my urge to smoke tobacco. I urge this States lawmakers not to abuse their positions.

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Taylor Thrush

From: Jean Wallisch <jwallisch69@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 1:02 PM
To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I know smokers who have switched to vaping and I feel they're much better off since the amount of nicotine can be controlled. Plus it's much cleaner than tobacco products with all of those chemicals. I'm a former smoker and I occasionally use a vape without the nicotine added, just the flavoring, and I enjoy the different flavors. People can misuse or abuse anything if they want so I agree we have to be responsible, however, taking away people's rights is not the answer.

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Taylor Thrush

From: Brittany Myers <mukinata@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 1:04 PM
To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Vaping prohibition is DANGEROUS

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From: Karri Klawiter <kklawiter@gmail.com>
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To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I smoked cigarettes for over 17 years, Berry Burst e-liquid allowed me to quite smoking cancer causing cigarettes, switch to a vape, and titrate my nicotine down to 1.5mg. My health has drastically improved. No more smoker's cough, I can run, hike, and play with my children. My blood pressure has dropped, all of my sinus issues and migraines have vanished, and I no longer smell like an ashtray.

Banning flavored vape is only going to harm people and push them back to cigarettes. Tobacco flavored vape juice is absolutely disgusting. I will take a menthol cigarette over that any day of the week.

The argument is to protect our kids. I have teenagers, I know high schoolers are getting their hands on vapes, just like they did any other form of tobacco in years past. And yes, the number of kids vaping has increased, but if you look at the CDC's numbers, the overall tobacco use (including cigs, cigars, chew, e-cigs, etc) has gone DOWN.

Make advertising on tv and radio illegal, just like cigarettes. Maybe even take the flavored gas station e-cigs out of the stores and only allow them in the vape shops. I am almost 40 years old, and I have never made it to a counter in a vape shop before being carded. Tighten up on the current laws. It's already illegal for a minor to buy vape products.

Stop punishing the law-abiding citizens.

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Taylor Thrush

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Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 2:13 PM
To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I have been vaping for seven years now and in a very responsible Vapor please do not take this right away from me to have to go back to smoking cigarettes which have known carcinogenic's in them when I did smoke cigarettes are used to get bronchitis every 3 to 4 months I have not had any lung related issues nor have I had bronchitis in over seven years to me that says something!!!

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Taylor Thrush

From: Karen Stack <kbstack@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 2:19 PM
To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

Hello. In 2010 I was diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer. At that time, I knew it was time to quit smoking since starting as a 14 year old back in the 70s. Electronic cigarettes were very new in 2010 but I had tried countless times before to quit and failed so I thought it would be a good alternative. So, I started with menthol tobacco flavor. I did ok not smoking for a while but then started up again within a few months. However, I started vaping again in 2014 and tried a new tactic: various flavors unrelated to my menthol cigarette habit. I avoid the tobacco flavors for this reason. I have not gone back to smoking since 2014 and do not plan to. I am still vaping but have reduced my nicotine level over the years to 1.5 mg from a high of 18. I'm still addicted to the habit though. I imagine without my current flavor available I will first try to obtain a flavor similar to the ones I like from a less reputable source (Mister Eliquid is the only source I trust) or possibly try the plain tobacco flavors. I can see nothing wrong with the flavors that I currently use and if history is any indicator, I'll probably light up a cigarette once I've tasted the tobacco flavor again. (I also avoid smoking areas to minimize temptation, this is like throwing me right back in there again) You've already put into place the laws to prevent underage kids from using it. If they are not effective, make the penalties higher. However, I am an adult and have the right to make my own choices. This order is interfering with my rights, and I want my voice heard. Thank you.

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Taylor Thrush

From: Andrew Troupe <andrew.troupe@gmail.com>
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To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

vaping helped me stopped smoking 2 packs of cigarettes a day. i have quit vaping (going on one year now) one of the best things i have ever done... secondly what teens do shouldnt be the states problem... isnt that up to the parents to educate and help them avoid smoling/vaping.. oh yeah thus is a country who tells its society that alcohol is ok....

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From: Adam Simmons <skivvymcscoot@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 10:29 AM
To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

Flavored vaping products (outside of tobacco) helping me quit smoking a pack a day for 13 years. I've been off cigarettes now for 4 years and continue to use fruit and dessert flavored eliquids to abstain from tobacco. We know adults enjoyed flavored things just as much as anyone else and this new law infringes in our freedoms to choose how we quit a harmful substance. Please consider these points.

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From: Brittney Weglarz <brittneyweglarz@icloud.com>
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To: Taylor Thrush
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Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I am writing as a voter and taxpayer in Michigan to express strong opposition to Governor Whitmer's emergency order banning the sale of flavored smoke-free vapor products and other alternatives to smoking. I have been vaping now for over five years. And by vaping I mean a regulated man tank, and Vape juice that I buy from a Vape shop. Not Jules, not gas station e-cigarette's, all of these have more nicotine in one tiny pod then 16 of the bottles that I buy. I can now smell again, I can now taste again, I can now breathe again. By being able to buy flavored Vape juice, I have actually lost weight and I have stopped eating so many sweets. Surveys published in 2016 confirm that adult consumers prefer flavors other than traditional tobacco and menthol

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Flavors are an important aspect of vapor products as they help people who are quitting smoking disassociate nicotine consumption from inhaling smoke and the taste of burning tobacco.

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Sales of flavored smoke-free tobacco and nicotine products should not be restricted to adult-only or specialty retailers. It is important that people who smoke are able to see safer alternatives to smoking in retail environments where they normally purchase cigarettes.

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Taylor Thrush

From: Michael Wayo <wayomic1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 10:34 AM
To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

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Taylor Thrush

From: Nancy Rosselle <nancy@rrfiretruck.com>
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To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

After over two decades of smoking, I tried vaping, then threw away my cigarettes. And I haven't gone back. I vape fruity and sweet flavors because that is my preference. I can see a few things happening if flavored juice is banned. Many will go back to cigarettes, which is more harmful. There will be a black market for flavored juices, where lack of quality could harm vapers. Third, inexperienced people will make their own, possibly harming themselves. Please don't let this go through! Crack down on underage vaping but leave the adults to do as they please. Help the parents that need help with their teen. It's up to the parents, not the government, to raise kids. Also, what about flavored vodka, like cotton candy? That would appeal to teens but it's still being sold. Vaping hasn't caused any deaths but cigarettes have. Why would you want people to go back to them? Please rethink what the consequences are for banning flavored ejuice.

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Taylor Thrush

From: Chris Ingersoll <chrisingersoll@live.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 10:33 AM
To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

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