

Taylor Thrush

From: Grant Hutchins <grant8496@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 11:12 PM
To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I switched to vaping flavored nicotine products 3 years ago and have had phenomenal results. It has taken away my breathing issues due to smoking over a pack a day since I was a teenager. Prohibiting said products would likely force me to switch back to cigarettes are other smokeless alternatives with nasty side effects. Prohibiting flavored nicotine products will only hurt me and thousands like me. Say no.

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Taylor Thrush

From: Cynthia Koralewski <leiby70@gmail.com>
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To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I quit smoking with vaping four years ago. I smoked cigarettes for almost 30 years, and absolutely nothing else ever worked. My DOCTOR suggested that I try vaping instead and it works! Your ban will cause much more harm than good. This ban is an irresponsible one. Parents who are worried need to pay more attention to their children. ADULTS should not be punished for shabby parenting.

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From: Tricia Mason <Winterblue2017@hotmail.com>
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To: Taylor Thrush
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From: Benjamin Heffner <bmxboy001@hotmail.com>
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To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I do believe that all of the people, whether they be in Michigan or anywhere in the United States, should have their own right to have a safer alternative to nicotine consumption. If this prohibition continues, it will create a black market it will fail to stop. Don't create a black market when there doesn't need to be.

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Taylor Thrush

From: Shannon Whalen <shannonwhalen37@gmail.com>
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Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I smoked for 27 years. I tried the 'approved' methods. Those within my means, that is. Which was cold turkey. It didn't work.

Vaping worked. I bought my first vape pen in a corner store, not a specialty shop. I bought a fruit flavored e liquid, not a tobacco flavored one. I didn't want to taste cigarettes any more.

It taught me to prefer getting my nicotine from the vape pen, over getting nicotine from a cigarette. I would not have been able to quit, with tobacco flavor. Banning these items, or placing them in specialty shops the might be few and far between? Will only keep adult smokers from quitting smoking. Or drive them to go back to smoking, if they have to drive too far to obtain e liquid, or vaping devices.

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From: Jennifer Niedzielski <blacknski206@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2019 7:41 AM
To: Taylor Thrush
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Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I have 3 adult children and myself who have used vaping as a method to quit smoking. When given the choice they choose to vape but if out of juice or a coil is burnt they turn back to smoking cigarettes. We all enjoy the flavored juices, avoid menthol, and have even used to no nic juices in the past. By banning flavors there is a strong chance we all will return to smoking. A ban is not the answer just as it was not for alcohol. Stronger enforcements need to be put in place I agree 100% with that. But taking away a huge industry it will also hurt revenue going to the state, put many people out of jobs and close businesses. Put in place stronger ID requirements including for online sales. This will hinder the brunt of how minors get supplies and mods.

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From: Robert Wagel <RobWigglezz@wowway.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2019 4:56 AM
To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I smoked for 12 years and used flavored e-liquid to stop. I couldn't have made the transition without flavors. As my body repaired itself the flavors tasted better and the smell of cigarettes became nauseating.

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In case I am unable to have the opportunity to speak, I enclose the entirety of my enclosed speech.

I apologize if this statement is not as well thought out as I would like. I found out about this hearing yesterday while I was at work and composed this in a matter of hours because I feel that strongly and I am that concerned. I dislike public speaking but I felt that if I did not try to make my voice heard and did everything in my power to protect my right to choose and the right of so many others that I would forever regret it. I am a 38 year old mother of three, and I vape. Like so many others of my generation I picked up cigarettes at a young age. The main reason I did so wasn't for the flavor of cigarettes, but because I wanted to look cool and I saw other people doing it who I wanted to fit in with. I frequently got older people to buy them for me, or took them from my parents and as I was tall and looked older was frequently able to buy them for myself. Years later when I was an adult and saw the health effects starting to show up, I, like so many others tried to quit. I tried the gum, the patch, Wellbutrin and had the worst effects when I tried Chiantix, all to no avail. Then I found e cigarettes. When I first started vaping I was still smoking, and did try the tobacco flavors. It slowed me down, a little, but as most of the tobacco flavors weren't very good, they did not replace my cigarettes. Then I tried wintergreen e liquid, and was surprised that I really liked it, as I had rarely smoked menthol cigarettes. Over the next 2-4 months my cigarette consumption went from almost 2 packs a day most days, to 1 pack, then to only 6 cigarettes. I made rules for myself associated to the habits I had refusing to smoke after meals, in cars, with my coffee. I can't tell you the day I quit as I just tapered off. I knew I had finally quit when I was out and I bummed a cigarette when my vape died and knew I didn't want it anymore. That was the first time in my life that a cigarette was NOT what I really wanted. I do not know if I ever would have gotten to that point if there had only been tobacco flavored vape juice available. When I began vaping I was well over 300 pounds, on multiple medications, and my PFT (pulmonary function test) was only 79%. This means that for someone my age, my lungs only operated at less than 80% of what they should. I had a hard time, at just over 30, with keeping up with my youngest children. I have now lost over 100 pounds, have a PFT of over 100%, no longer need most of those medications, and thoroughly enjoy playing tag with my children.

I also wish to address something that has been mentioned but largely overlooked in the media. Vaping is a verb and can be used to describe an action taken to inhale various substances. My heart goes out to the hundreds of people afflicted with pulmonary illnesses from vaping what has largely been understood to be black market items, many or all of which had thc. These are not the FDA regulated nicotine vape juices that are for sale by brick and mortar establishments. In fact, of the over 500 nicotine juices turned in for evaluations, NONE had vitamin E acetate, a dangerous substance when inhaled. I am very concerned that if the regulated options are removed from the market that many will turn to dangerous black market alternatives putting their health in very real danger. Nicotine vapes have been used for years by millions of people with no major ramifications and it was only recently, with unregulated items, that there were negative consequences. I am not stating this to say that vaping is safe, or healthy or by any means to encourage anyone who never smoked to vape. I am stating that through the adult consumption of regulated nicotine juices that harm can be reduced by vaping over consumption of traditional combustible tobacco. Numerous public health organizations including Public Health England, the Royal College of Physicians, American Cancer Society, the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, and FDA have acknowledged the reduced harm of e-cigarettes and vaping devices in comparison to combustible tobacco use; I am simply reiterating that fact.

I also feel the need to address the fact that the teens that are vaping are breaking the law. I applaud Governor Whitmer for addressing the need for legislation on making it officially illegal to sell minors e cigarettes and e

liquids. The previous laws were written prior to the e cigarette industry and the loophole needed to be addressed. I would like to think that all adults in all retail locations were being responsible and refusing to sell to minors, but I am aware that may not be the case. I think it could be taken further and have stiffer penalties enforced on those that violate the law. I also applaud restricting advertising of vapes and think it should be taken further to restrict the advertising of all age restricted items in areas that are frequented by underage people. I think it could be taken even further and move all tobacco, e cigarettes, alcohol, ALL age restricted items to stores where only adults can enter. This would take exposure to e cigarettes and the even more harmful tobacco and alcohol completely out of the businesses that are frequented by children and teens. It would leave a smaller selection of places to acquire items and have employees that have had it emphasized that they card everyone that looks under 50, or of any age regardless of how they look. History has shown us however time and time again that prohibition has never been the answer, and I don't think it will be this time either. I think it is more important to strengthen and enforce the laws we currently have rather than imposing new ones that will primarily harm law abiding adults trying to reduce the harm they experience.

I know hundreds of people that have quit smoking with e cigarettes and ALL of them use flavors other than tobacco. I am not just here to state my concerns, I am here to display the other side of the facts and to propose a compromise that addresses the real and valid concern of underage vaping. I strongly believe that reducing flavor options for adults will have many negative consequences without having much effect on underage vaping and nicotine consumption. I have even ensured that I made a references list and am happy to produce it with the hard copy of this statement. I also thoroughly agree with continued research on the long term effects of e cigarette use. I do not contest that abstinence is the healthiest choice and should be the ultimate goal, but as cigarettes are still readily available and prevalent in our society, I don't believe that harm reduction options should be removed from adult users. The Royal College of Physicians, an organization of over 32,000 doctors in the UK have found a 95% harm reduction in the decade of e cigarette consumption, but we don't have the multiple decades yet that we do with traditional tobacco. I obviously have a vested interest in this research and hope to see it progress in the future.

11 million adults in the US currently vape. In response to the FDA ANPR, an internet survey was conducted of almost 70,000 adult e cigarette users. Almost 95% were previously smokers and 92% used e cigarettes at the time they ceased smoking. Only 20% of these stated that they used tobacco flavors. 72% of those surveyed credited interesting flavors with being a primary factor helping them to quit. In a 2015 study of over 27,000 vapers, almost 70% of the people who had successfully and completely quit smoking used non tobacco flavors. In fact, the only group of e cigarette users that predominately used tobacco flavors were those that were still smoking cigarettes daily and had not yet made the switch completely off of cigarettes. In a separate study done by the Harm Reduction Journal of over 20,000 e cigarette users over 76% had completely quit cigarettes. These adult users identified using fruit flavors (73.9%-82.9%), dessert flavors (63.5%-68.8%) and Candy, chocolate or sweets (48.7%-53.4%) as their primary flavors. Flavors are appealing to adults trying to do less harm to themselves, because it makes it a more enjoyable proposition to try to quit. Addressing the concern of cigarettes as a gateway to other more traditional tobacco less than one tenth of one percent of those who had never smoked before e cigarettes picked up a cigarette after first trying e cigarettes. So few in fact that those doing the study addressed that it did not cross the minimum threshold of 0.5% required for statistical significance. Also interesting, was that less than 1% of those surveyed used prefilled cartridge based systems such as the Juul, Alto and Blu and over 99% used refillable tank or pod systems. However many of the teens surveyed identified these style of devices as their unit of choice due to their ease of use and ability to conceal them. I find there is a much higher correlation between the type of device than the flavor of juice utilized. I am not trying to demonize any company, solely pointing out other possible correlating factors that may be more useful in addressing the teen vaping epidemic.

As I have concerns as both a parent and as an e cigarette user I do want to point out some other statistics that I feel may pertain although not directly related. While 37% of senior high school students identified themselves as vaping at least once in the past year, 17.5% admitted being drunk within the last month and drinking 5 or more alcoholic beverages within the past 2 weeks before being surveyed in December of 2018. The good news is, that was actually an improvement over the 26% that had consumed alcohol within one month of the

survey 5 years ago. There was no massive flavor ban on alcohol in that time frame, and yet there was a marked improvement in the teens surveyed. Stricter alcohol laws, more education of students and less prevalent advertising however were instituted during that time frame. As there are over 4,300 deaths annually of underage users of alcohol I believe there is still more that can be done in that arena as well. And yet, I hear no one proposing a ban on cotton candy vodka, or attacking Svedka for using child friendly flavors such as cherry or blue raspberry to try to attract underage users. I am not suggesting we do that, as prohibition has generally lead to more cost to citizens in the long run, and does not work. But I do believe that as there is far more research supporting the health risks of alcohol, that the hypocrisy should at least be addressed.

I also feel the need to address the economic ramifications of instituting this ban in Michigan. There are hundreds of independent small businesses in Michigan surrounding vape and e cigarettes. This will affect thousands of jobs, families, and millions in revenue for the state. There are not only the retailers but multiple vape juice companies that are based in Michigan and provide jobs and income to many of it's residents. More unemployed people will lead to a higher drain on welfare programs while simultaneously decreasing tax revenue. There are tens of thousands of e cigarette users that not only are reducing their harm but spending significantly less on vaping products than they would on their more traditional tobacco counterparts. That is without mentioning that 9% of what the government spends on healthcare in the US is directly related to combustible tobacco consumption. According to the CDC it gets worse when adjusting for government sponsored programs, stating, "9.6 percent of Medicare spending, 15.2 percent of Medicaid spending and 32.8 percent of other government healthcare spending by sources such as the Veterans Affairs department, Tricare and the Indian Health Service, were attributable to smoking." E cigarettes have grown to an over 12 billion dollar industry in the US but unfortunately does not touch the 500 billion of the tobacco industry in the US, a more harmful product that is not being adequately addressed. When this topic was broached in Washington, Representative Hurst warned that a "[vaping prohibition](#) will simply cause a black market to form that is more dangerous than what politicians are trying to stop. This hurts the economy by generating revenue that is outside the traditional tax system and by clogging up the legal system with otherwise law-abiding citizens." This also puts e cigarette users at greater risk by making their only flavored option being an unregulated substance, which is exactly what is causing all the horrible life threatening consequences we have seen all over the news in recent weeks.

I do not just come before you as a concerned citizen but hopefully, also as a voice of reason proposing compromise that I believe will address concerns on both sides of the issue. I come before you as not only an e cigarette user, but a parent that hopes beyond hope that my children make better decisions than I did at their age and avoid all nicotine consumption. Some of these suggestions I have taken from other countries or smaller areas that appear to be making headway in addressing this epidemic.

1. I propose moving ALL age restricted items to facilities restricted to adults. Have e cigarettes and all forms of tobacco available only in adult only tobacco shops. I would prefer to see this done with alcohol as well. Then teens and children will have far less exposure to any and all substances restricted to adult users. This will also help to prevent massive and untenable economic losses by both small businesses and manufacturers that an all out prohibition of flavors would cause.
2. Plain box packaging on all age restricted items. This limits appealing colors or advertising if children encounter these items outside of an adult only established, when being consumed by adult users using these products.
3. Limit advertising for age restricted items to age-restricted areas.
4. Stiffer penalties, financial and legal, for those adults found selling or providing an age restricted substance to a minor.
5. Possibly consider raising the age of e cigarettes and all tobacco products to 21. This will minimize high school seniors buying it for younger high school students. It will also increase the likelihood that those adults who do purchase said items are more mature and better able to evaluate their decisions to not participate in usage of or distribution to someone younger than required by law.

I thank you for your time and consideration. I sincerely hope you will strongly consider choosing a different alternative than banning flavors from adult constituents trying to choose a harm reduction strategy.

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Taylor Thrush

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Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

as a former smoker of 28 years. I switched because of cancer. you can get the vapors in a zero nicotine if you chose to. and there is no tar. but different flavors are a big help to a lot of people out there. if you ban the flavors in vapors do it in beer and mixed drinks and wine and a bunch of other stuff. stop taking my rights away from us.

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Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

AS A LONG LONG TIME SMOKER (14 yrs-73 yrs) THE FIRST TIME VAPING I QUIT SMOKING. SO FOR 7 YRS I HAVE BEEN SMOKE FREE. I BELIEVE AT MY AGE I SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE. I AGREE WITH PEOPLE UNDER 18 SHOULD NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO PURCHASE THESE PRODUCTS. BUT STOPPING THE SALE WILL ONLY BRING OUT UNDERGROUND UNSAFE SALES. DO MORE INVESTIGATING AND FIGURE OUT SOME OTHER WAY. THANK YOU FOR READING MY FEELINGS. GOOD LUCK!!!

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From: David Paul <toolfreek555@gmail.com>
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To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

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Taylor Thrush

From: Caleb Tanner <x.ihatemymail.x@gmail.com>
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To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Protect Michigan Voter's Adult Rights

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I would like to share my story with the committee as an ex-smoker and current vaper. I smoked for 9 years, and started when I was only 15, while working at a fast food restaurant. By age 24, my lungs were in horrible shape. My Doctor told me that if I didn't stop smoking it would kill me. I was unable to quit cigarettes until I started vaping (the first one I tried was a graham cracker flavor). Now, I haven't had a cigarette or a craving for one in over 6 years. I have had my lungs checked recently, and they are clear of any obstructions or normalities. My oxygen absorption is also at 100%! My concern is that I will no longer have access to the products I require. As a Michigan voter and tax-payer, I did not vote for this. The people of Michigan did not vote for this. However, I do have one larger concern. I have never been to a vape shop in Michigan where I wasn't asked for an I.D., so how are minors getting their hands on these products? Ask any minor and they will tell you, someone of the legal age purchased it for them. What will happen now? Do you think the kids are going to stop? No, the people illegally providing them with flavored ejuice will switch them to cigarettes, which are responsible for 4 million deaths in just the last five years in the USA. Out of the frying pan into the fire? Is this the best we can do for the children of Michigan? A flavor ban without a cigarette ban is a fool's errand.

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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,

Vaping has helped me quit a 25 year cigarette habit. Without the ability to purchase vaping products I will have to drive to another state to purchase them. I don't want to start smoking again!

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Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I am a long-time smoker of 24 years and have tried quitting multiple times and just couldn't get off of cigarettes until I found deus juice in paw paw and i decided to try the fizzy lemonade kind that was recommended and ever since it has been my favorite flavor of e-juice. I am proud to say almost a year ago today I have been off cigarettes and I definitely couldn't have done it without the flavored e-liquids I found at deus juice.

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Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

hi. i have been smoking cigarettes for a very long time and i was able to switch out of that for a safer alternative which is vaping. taking away the flavors will make me want to smoke again due to the taste of tobacco. i don't believe this will help our economy nor our younger generation because they will start to use something even more dangerous. you shouldn't be taking this away from our taxpayers who actually use this as a safe alternative and don't abuse it.

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Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

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My husband switched to vaping about 6 years ago and since then our families lives have changed. My husband use to be sick all of the time. He was in the hospital 1-2 times per year with breathing problems, waking up several days of the week unable to breathe and at times even vomiting. Ever since he switched he has not experienced any issues. He has not even had a common cold. Switching has not just effected my husband's health, but also our son. He is now 8, but from birth until the switch my son was sick every other week. He was put on nebulizers, inhalers, etc and nothing was really helping him. He was not around the actual smoke, but being on my husband affected my son. My husband made the switch not even realizing that the cigs were what was causing our son's illnesses. Ever since the switch my son has not needed any medications. He does not have to carry an inhaler, he does not have to take breathing treatments. He can run and play like any other 8 year old boy. Vaping has been a huge relief for my family. We should not have to suffer because people are breaking the law and buying for underage kids. People should not be allowed to use products the wrong way or put just anything they find on the streets in vapes. There are businesses that have taken the time and have done their research. They should not have to be punished because of others. It is like any other product out there. If you use it wrong or a way that has not been tested then you are at fault. It is not the fault of vape, but the fault of the user.

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Taylor Thrush

From: David Keranen <DKERANEN85@GMAIL.COM>
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To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I David Keranen am admitting that I was a heavy chain smoker and tried various ways to calm my nerves to stop smoking. Through the use of a Vape with nicotine I have been off smokes for 3 yrs now. I feel very much better health wise and at 54 yrs old I think it should be my choice to use my Strawberry Vape to help ease anxiety. I don't want to be put on pills and don't use any drugs in vape. I agree the dangers of nicotine should be made clear on label and minors detoured from usage. I don't think everyone should be punished for the bad choices of the minors who somehow got the Vapes.

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To: Taylor Thrush
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Taylor Thrush

From: Mr. & Mrs. Candace and Jason Wilson <colomadvd@gmail.com>
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To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I'm writing to urge you STOP the ban on flavored e-cigarette vapor products. If legislation were to pass to take away the flavor in e-liquid I assure you it is going to cause way more harm than good. Flavoring in e-juice is absolutely essential for people who are trying to quit smoking traditional cigarettes as it plays a pivotal role in disassociating the taste of burning tobacco.

We all know that combustible cigarettes contain high levels of cancer causing substances to be introduced into the body. We also know that second hand smoke contains carcinogens and is harmful to those who are exposed to it. By taking away the flavored smoke-free tobacco and nicotine products many citizens will revert back to combustible tobacco. Why would we allow that to happen when it is estimated that e-cigarettes are 99% safer.

My husband, son, mom, 2 sisters, mother-in-law and COUNTLESS other people that I love dearly have made the switch to e-cigarettes and it has CHANGED THEIR LIVES. The smokers cough is gone, they can smell, taste, breath easier and their overall health is much improved. I benefited as well when they switched because I no longer wake up with chest congestion and a headache from inhaling their second hand smoke. Each one of them has their own favorite flavor in e-liquid because each person has different likes and dislikes. Just like with food in general, not everyone likes the same things.

Nicotine maybe addictive but so is caffeine, alcohol, opiates, and an array of other substances that kids very EASILY can get their hands on. Would you consider banning flavored alcohol or flavored energy drinks because they are appealing to kids? How about flavored soda or chewing tobacco?

Have you ever taken care of a person with mouth or throat cancer as a result of chewing tobacco? Have you ever watched someone take their last breath from lung cancer due to cigarette smoking? Well I have and it is HORRIFIC. See I am a nurse and I own a vape shop because I whole heartedly believe that E-CIGARETTES ARE SAFER than tobacco. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me or my husband Jason at Colomadvd@gmail.com.

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From: Jeremiah Pike <jeremiahpike424@gmail.com>
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Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I personally believe that this vaping ban is ridiculous because 10 years ago before vaping high schoolers were out smoking cigarettes, but did anyone do anything to ban those? Absolutely not. I feel like it's completely unfair to say that fruity or candy flavors attracts the attention of young kids because kids were still consuming nicotine products before there were flavors like that. Also kids are going to get their hands on cigarettes or Vapes regardless of the ban, and I believe that's going to make them want to vape or smoke even more because it's banned and they would think it's cool to be defying the ban. Not to mention multiple small businesses will be damaged horribly by this ban, if not closed down. This is going to put multiple people out of a job and personally I believe that's the last thing we need here in Michigan, there are enough people that can't find a job why make more people struggle with unemployment. I know a small business owner that owns a vape store and he's put just about every dollar he's had to make the store what it is today, and it would be a shame to watch an entrepreneur like himself put those years of time and money into a business just to have it fail because of a ban that will do nothing but hurt him and others like him

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

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I originally smoked cigarettes, and after many failed attempts to cut back, lower the amount I was smoking I switched to flavored vaping and due to the many flavors it was easier to switch, no longer stunk of cigarettes, and I was able to cut back on how much I smoked and topped it off that I was able to lower the amount of nicotine. This ban on an alternative to cigarettes is going to far.

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Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

My name is Mike Henson and I have been a proud resident of Michigan for the vast majority of my life. These recent actions taken by the governor regarding flavored e-liquids are going to have a direct impact on me and many members of my family as current e-liquid consumers but previous smokers. My wife and I were both smokers for nearly 40 years, we found personal vaporizers about 5 years ago and used them to completely quit smoking over 4 years ago. This effective cessation tool was only a viable option once we discovered some of the various flavors such as fruit and bakery flavors, we found the tobacco flavors were completely intolerable and did not replicate any tobacco we had ever tasted when smoking. The flavored e-liquids also enhanced the desire to avoid smoking because they taste better. This irrational approach will definitely have a negative impact on all Michigan residents, that have utilized these tools to quit smoking. Those that do not have the ability to travel beyond state lines to source their needed flavored e-liquid, will likely return to smoking or begin buying e-liquid from the totally unregulated black-market, thereby placing them at an extremely elevated risk. Please reference the recent media coverage of the rise in lung injuries and death(s), occurring primarily in the mid-west, just to get a glimpse of what happens when people utilize the black-market for e-liquid sourcing of THC containing, e-liquid cartridges. that have been tested and confirmed to be tainted with extremely high levels of HCN, a cyanide molecule. The Governors actions will result in a dramatic rise in similar (or even worse) cases happening in our great state. Please take time to collect unbiased, peer-reviewed research into the issues at hand, before taking these panicked, over-reactive and irresponsible actions, that can have such a massive negative impact to the health of our adult state residents. Prohibition, as a prevention approach, has been proven to be a faulty, dangerous tool. We need to learn from history and avoid repeating the mistakes of the past. We already have laws in place to prevent these products from reaching the hands of youngsters, and the Governor readily admits these existing laws are not being enforced. She needs to focus her efforts on ensuring the kids are being protected by properly utilizing the tools already at law enforcement's disposal. Please see Senate Bills 106 & 155 for additional, rationally applied methods of protecting the children of our state.

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Taylor Thrush

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Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 6:03 PM
To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

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Taylor Thrush

From: Hannah DeVilbiss <hannahdevilbiss@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 6:16 PM
To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

Hello there, just wanted to share that I think Prohibition is a bad idea. I know at least three people who quit cigarettes completely as a result of flavored vape products. The people I know who vape buy their stuff from vape stores - they CARD people!! Not really sure why Gov Whitmer thinks it's a good idea to create an even larger black market for vapes... Prohibition won't stop this alleged "health crisis". Raise the purchase age for vape products to 21 and be done with it. Jeez.

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Taylor Thrush

From: Jennifer Hall <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 6:39 PM
To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I haven't had a traditional cigarette in 10 years,thanksto vaping. My quality of life has improved significantly since giving up cigarettes. Don't take this miracle product off the market!

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Taylor Thrush

From: Jon Morris <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 6:42 PM
To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I quit smoking 10 years ago using flavored vapor products and continue to use them today. Not once in the last 10 years have I gotten sick or even felt ill due to using my vaporizer. Prohibition could actually do the opposite of it's intention. Just like alcohol prohibition, it could drive a black market of dangerous and unregulated products, which are the actual issue to start with. If people want the stuff they are going to continue to get it. I believe stiffer laws and penalties for these unregulated products and sales to minors would be a much better solution.

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

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

Vaping has so many good things about it that people don't understand because of a few bad apples. I've seen so many of my friends get off cigs it's amazing. Myself I personally stop using tobacco products because of all the chemicals. I'm also a diabetic and these fruit flavors and others actually curb my cravings for candy. The real problem is the people who make tch pods that are not controlled by the government. If you gonna ban these then how come big companies making cigarettes are banned also. It's unfair vapes are getting hit this big when the big tobacco companies are not getting the same treatment. Please don't take away something that helps millions of people

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Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 6:55 PM
To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

If you allow adults to make a choice about smoking then they must have a choice in vaping flavored juices. Where is the ban on cigarettes? Tobacco is proven to cause cancer. Ban them!!

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Taylor Thrush

From: Amy Stratton <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 7:15 PM
To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Removing vape flavors is a death sentence to current smokers

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I started smoking cigarettes in 1985 when I was 15 years old. I tried to quit numerous times, and I was so addicted to nicotine that I couldn't stop. I smoked an average of a pack a day for 28 years. My lungs were clogged, I smelled bad, and my clothes and car had burn holes. I first started vaping in 2010 when a friend told me about it. It was a fairly new product then, and it mostly had to be ordered online. I continued to smoke and vape when smoking wasn't allowed. I thought I had developed COPD after a major respiratory infection in 2013 and then switched completely to vaping. It was hard, even with the vaping, but I was able to quit cigarettes. At first, I used tobacco flavors, but realized they were pretty disgusting and sought out vanilla and spice flavors, but over time, I transitioned entirely to fruit flavors. I don't like cigarettes anymore and I don't like the taste of them. That is why I quit. If I did not have alternate flavors to vape when I first started, I probably would have gone back to cigarettes. And it would have killed me. They still might kill me, because any amount of cigarette smoking can lead to lung cancer many years later. But I do know that I haven't had a respiratory infection, flu, or even a cold beyond a few sniffles for a few days, since I quit smoking in 2013. The flavors are imperative to get people away from cigarettes and to prevent cancer and COPD. I have been using strawberry-peach flavor for the past 5 years. Your flavor ban won't affect me, since I buy flavorless juice in bulk and add food flavors (water soluble, no oils). Please don't send Michigan back to the dark ages. If you need to ban anything, please ban packaged vape pens sold in gas stations. Those are the ones the kids are getting their hands on. The vape-specific shops already adhere to the strict standards set forth in previous legislation.

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Taylor Thrush

From: William Fead <wcfead@gmail.com>
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To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

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Taylor Thrush

From: Donna Buck <angeldove300@hotmail.com>
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To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I have quit smoking because of vaping. My boyfriend and son and his fiancée have all quit smoking because of vaping. We have even lowered the nicotine amount we use and even vape less than when we started. My son for sure would start back up smoking as well as my boyfriend. We get out vaping equipment from a reputable vape store and know all the ingredients they put in. My son and fiancée who are in their 30s and my boyfriend all use the sweeter juices please consider that the illnesses were caused by people using bootleg juices and adding things they shouldn't if you're going to can vaping products let's ban alcohol as well that's even worse. Yet there it is everywhere you go.

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Taylor Thrush

From: Christopher Batchelder <ctb739@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 7:31 PM
To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

Prohibition did not work with alcohol and it won't work with e cigarettes. Better regulation or stricter penalties is the way to not punish the millions of legal age adults that use e cigarette products. Also look to the THC users as that is where the health threat actually is. Thank you for your time.

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Taylor Thrush

From: Matthew Sikes <snare41419@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 7:30 PM
To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

Vaping has allowed me to be cigarette free for over six years and I have suffered no ill effects or lung related issues. I breathe clear, and can actually run without getting winded. I smoked for over twenty years and having flavors other than tobacco MADE that happen. When I used tobacco flavored juices I craved a cigarette. When I switched to other flavors it made the taste and smell of tobacco abhorrent. Don't take this away from us.

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Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 8:00 PM
To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

My wife and I both smoked for over 26 years. I was at two packs a day. We quit about 15 months ago and began to vape. We buy our products at a vape store where you must be 18 to enter and use mods that don't resemble the look and feel of traditional cigarettes. We have worked ourselves down to a zero nicotine juice but can't quite go without vaping yet. We would not have been able to make it this far without the flavored juices and mods. We refuse to use a tobacco flavor.

Once again, why are legal, law abiding citizens being punished? Why are we making new laws and not enforcing existing laws. Or why are flavored tobacco products still going to be available? If it's for the kids, then outlaw combustible products such as the swisher sweets and Cheyennes, As well as the menthol cigarettes.

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From: Mark Matousek <loomiscroix@gmail.com>
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To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

Please think before you act. Flavors save lives while Flint water poisons. Flavored liquor is ok though? I would rather be on the road driving while others are vaping than be on the road with drivers drinking. Smoking kills more people weekly and monthly than vaping. Why not ban cigarettes? Too much money going into your pockets?

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From: Mary Ashman-Dumas <jeffreydumas@att.net>
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To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

During 35 years as a smoker, I tried just about every known method to quit. Patches, gums, cessation classes, prescriptions, hypnosis, and on and on. The first thing that worked was vaping and because the liquids come in varying nicotine levels, I have been both tobacco and nicotine free for the past 8 years. I still vape for the pleasure of the rich flavors of the 0 mg nicotine vaping liquids and the pleasure of the vapor cloud. My problem quitting smoking was always staying quit - vaping has made it possible. Rigorously enforce laws against selling or providing vaping products to minors but leave adults the freedom to choose for themselves. I don't care for sweet fruity flavors but many adult vapers do - I stick to coffee, mocha, chocolate flavors. I discovered that the taste of tobacco is not very appealing and would have made it much more difficult to move from smoking to vaping if tobacco flavors were the only option. I'm certainly glad you weren't in a position to impact my choices 8-10 years ago when I began vaping and eventually quit tobacco.

Sincerely,

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Taylor Thrush

From: Jacob Ringel <jacob.ringel3@gmail.com>
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Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

The variance in flavors is what finally was able to tip me over the edge of quitting, it was important for me to find those new and exciting flavors to keep my mind preoccupied and away from the cigarette craving. I know myself as an adult, will certainly go back to cigarettes if this ban is allowed to pass, I can't stand tabaccoo flavors, and I can't justify any alternative methods of buying it.

I also know several small business owners whos livelihood is about to be snatched from beneath them, the vaping community is crying out for a chance. Please listen.

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Taylor Thrush

From: Sharyl Skutt <shay5735@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 10:18 PM
To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

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Taylor Thrush

From: Adrienne Scott <adrienne.blair321@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 10:13 PM
To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I am a 39 year old mother of 2. I earn exactly the median income (last I checked) in the nation. Vaping flavored ejuice saved my life, and I am 100% prepared to campaign against anyone who supports this ban.

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Taylor Thrush

From: Mark Coyle <mcotle@gte.net>
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To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I am a 54 year old male, and I Vape flavored vaping products. Without them I wouldn't have been able to stop smoking nearly 7 years ago. Please reconsider removing the one product that was successful in helping me to quit.

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Taylor Thrush

From: Brenna Ferro <brennaferro@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 10:53 PM
To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please prevent immense suffering and death.

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I am not a Michigan resident, but care deeply that so many residents may return to smoking cigarettes in your beautiful state. Vaping has helped so many to stay alive and healthy for their children and grandchildren who love them more than life itself. E-cigarette use allows people to live longer, healthier lives without the immense risk of lung cancer that combustible cigarettes causes.

Illegal THC cartridges are causing these frightening illnesses we are hearing about.

Vaping however, prevents so much heartache and mourning. Protect this smoking-alternative for your people. They love their family members more than life itself.

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Taylor Thrush

From: Tammy Kalmbach <winemakerswife@comcast.net>
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To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

If it wasn't for vaping, I could not of quit cigarettes! I smoked for 40 years, my vaporizer saved my life, I can breath again, no coughing or wheezing anymore! I am a vapor user now for 5 years, mostly fruit flavors, that I purchased from a specialty store, not a gas station! Don't take it away! It has been a life saver!

You need to make regulatory rules to keep these away from teenagers! Make them accountable! They are the ones abusing and misusing products that are NOT meant for them, control them! Stop making vapor products accessible to them, make the products available only at specialty shops, not at gas stations, retail department stores, or other places teens have easy access to, simple, if it's only available at specialty stores and must be 21 to enter with valid ID, problem mostly solved, except Black Market, (no one can control that)! DO NOT punish the adults who use them sensibly and responsibly!

This is supposed to be a free country, NOT a communist country! We are adults with rights!

These kids and young adults, of what I have witnessed, are using, for example, Juul at maximum nicotine 24mg to get high or buzzed off of it, in excess, it's toxic at that strength! No wonder they are getting sick!! They think it's a game, it's cool, who can vape more of it! Take it away from them, no access to them!!! Not tax paying responsible adults!

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Taylor Thrush

From: Cheryl Glassford <kricketylady7@hotmail.com>
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To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

This is so not right ! I'm 58 years old and I've been Vaping Menthol Tobacco for 9 years now, and so have a lot of others I know been doing even longer. We have done it to get away from Regular Cancerous Cigarettes. We have never once had a health problem and are even healthier since quitting Regular Cigarettes. You don't have clue one about Vaping and just believe whatever anyone tells you. The only bad E Juice out there are ones that have chemicals in it, it's not the Flavor of any of them or the devices ! If this goes into effect we will just go Black Market and so will everyone. This will not stop anyone' from getting what they want !

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

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

i am a shop owner and i feel shutting down vaping is going to cause a lot of people to go back to smoking which fact kills 480,000 people a year people have been vapeing for at least 12 years now and only 215 people have been hospitalized and that was all in this year . there is no second hand smoke from vaping so and everything in vape juice is in the foods we eat everyday. only thing added is nicotine. i cant believe she is going to take away from millions of people insted inforceing stronger laws to keep kids from getting it in the first place and she says nothing about the flavored alcoholic beverages. she has no bases for what she is doing fact all 215 cases of vaping hospital cases also was vaping the products that had vitamin e in it which when it cools it collects on the lungs there will be a lot more of people making there own e juice if it is banned i own a shop i do not display any thing next to my candy most shops dont even sale candy i feel she is taking away my rights as well as my customers rights to use vaping products i am a voter and a tax payer

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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,

Being a 19 year old college student, I believe this flavor ban is one of the most childish and unethical thing Gov. Whitmer has done to date. I believe that vaping products and accessories should only be sold in vapor shops and not at gas stations or convenient stores. This would stop a lot of under age vaping and the public that is able to vape is still allowed their products. Vaping has helped many people stay away and helped stop smoking tobacco. With this ban, we are only going to see tighter restrictions on vaping until the point where it is banned outright and many people will turn back towards cigarettes, including teens.

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Taylor Thrush

From: Derek Smith <dereksmith1222@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 3:54 PM
To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I have been cigarette free for 17 months thanks to vaping and the wide variety of flavors it is offered in. Since quitting smoking, I have no desire for anything that tastes like a cigarette. They are so nasty! If left with only tobacco and menthol flavors, I feel it would be very difficult to resist the urge to go back go cigarettes. I don't want to do that. Please don't get rid of all the flavors!

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Taylor Thrush

From: Matthew Warren <warren448@gmail.com>
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To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

As a vaper it has helped me to quit smoking and slowly reduce my nicotine intake many will end up hurt or back on cancer causing cigarettes. The studies have shown the deaths are THC related pods not regular vaping. I can see regulations to improve quality but an entire ban will create an illegal black market

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Taylor Thrush

From: Sheifa Dyke <wdog@msn.com>
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To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I have successfully quit cigarettes thanks to vaping a fruity flavor. Almost 8 years later I still can't stand the smell of cigarettes thanks to vaping. Banning flavors reminds me of prohibition!!! How well did that go? Keep the flavors save lives!!

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Taylor Thrush

From: Richard Rodgers <rrodgers@jacksontelecom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 3:38 PM
To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

My cell number is 517-745-3523, if you have any questions on the following.

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Taylor Thrush

From: Bruce Slamkowski <bslam@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 3:33 PM
To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I have been using menthol and drink flavored (crème de menthe and pina colada)e-juice since 2011. I smoked 2 packs of cigarettes a day for almost forty years before switching to vaping. I had tried many different methods to quit smoking and nothing worked until I switched to vaping. While I know vaping is not completely safe, many studies have shown it is safer than cigarettes.

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Taylor Thrush

From: Renee Chartrand <renee.chartrand@muskegoncc.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 3:12 PM
To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I began using a flavored ecig in 2010. I have not smoked a cigarette since. That's 9 years smoke free thanks to flavored cigarettes. Prior to switching to an ecig I had been a smoker for 12 years, and primarily flavored tobacco like Sweet Dreams. I like sweet flavors. When they were banned in traditional tobacco products I switched to vaping and I am so glad that I did. Its a much safer alternative to smoking. And just because I'm over 21 doesn't mean that I no longer enjoy sweet flavors. I didn't turn 21 and suddenly say oh gross, strawberry banana, yuck. I tried to quit smoking cigarettes countless times over the years and failed every time until I switched to a flavored ecig. Were flavors banned the small specialty vapor shops where I buy 100% of my vaping supplies would go out of business. If I choose to continue vaping I would be forced to buy the regular flavored ecig products offered in the gas station, which are poor quality, expensive, and made by the big tobacco companies. I might as well go back to smoking regular cigarettes, which I would, and that would also benefit big tobacco. Not to mention put my health at greater risk. And many other adult ex smokers would be in the same position. Its unfair to law abiding adult consumers to take away our freedom of choice. If the governor wanted to protect kids from nicotine she would move to ban all forms of nicotine delivery. As I will choose another product to smoke should this ban hold up, so will the teen smokers she claims to protect. Only now the only option for every one will be more dangerous traditional cigarettes. I disagree with this ban. I think more constructive alternatives should be explored.

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Taylor Thrush

From: Tammy Adams <tabadams@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 3:10 PM
To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I am a 61 year old woman who smoked cigarettes for 40+ years and wanted to quit due to shortness of breath and coughing. I went to a specialty vape store for advice. They helped me choose a device and also a nicotine level that would be equivalent to what I was smoking at the time. They advised away from tobacco flavors, citing it is too close to cigarettes and may not help with quitting. I did not smoke another cigarette after the first vape puff. Three years later I have reduced the nicotine level from 12mg to 1.5mg. The shop also helped with the rate of reduction. I don't cough anymore, I don't have shortness of breath anymore, my good cholesterol levels went way up and my preventative lung scan was one of the clearest they have seen. I don't like the too sweet flavors, but use a tropical flavor, melon or peach. I have never tried a tobacco flavor, but menthol is terrible and I would assume tobacco would be also. I would not have been able to stay on electronic cigarettes and basically cut out nicotine without the flavors I like. I don't know what I will do if they are banned. Go back to cigarettes? I hope not, but maybe? Please do not penalize the adults who also love the flavored vape juice and could not have quit smoking without it. Good flavors are not only liked by people under 18. Please, please rethink this sledgehammer approach to legislating until all facts and opinions that will lead to a logical solution have been researched. One solution may be to increase the legal age to purchase to 21.

Thank you,

Tammy Adams

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Taylor Thrush

From: Kristopher Paul <krico7420@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 3:05 PM
To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I started smoking when I was ten. My father smoked, as did his mother, 2 of his older sisters, and two of his older brothers. Sad to say, but I liked smoking... but hated what it was doing to me. Coughing and hacking in the morning, constant stuck phlegm in the throat feeling, irritated eyes from the smoke, shortness of breath, and getting winded from moderate exertion far too quickly and frequently.

In 2013 I went in for a vasectomy and my doctor was the one that drove home the importance of quitting smoking. He said, "though you smoke outside, and your children don't see you smoke, they still smell it on you. Mommy and Daddy love me, mommy and daddy keep me safe, mommy and daddy smell like smoke, smoke is safe." That hit me hard. I explained to him that I tried the gums and the patches to no avail. I have an addictive personality, so cessation drugs were not an option. Plus, I knew people who had taken them and WOW! Even without my issue I don't think I'd have tried them. The hallucinations, and nightmares sounded crazy! I wasn't about to let some knucklehead turn me into a pincushion, and in my opinion most therapists need therapists. He laughed, winked in agreement. And suggested vaping. I proceeded to spout off all the concerns and fears the media was propagating. Each shot down with medically proven fact or ease of treatment in comparison to treating tobacco related illnesses. Honestly, after the conversation and all the information he had to offer, I felt dumb for thinking vaping was as dangerous as smoking.

So I went to the gas station I'd seen them at and bought a rechargeable Blu cig-a-like kit. They offered cherry, peach, vanilla, tobacco, and menthol flavors; in 4 nicotine levels, high, medium, low, and zero. In my opinion, cherry and peach were their best. After about a month I noticed I could smell stuff I wasn't used to smelling, further away, and with more intensity. Food began tasting way better than it had, and don't get me started on desserts! Lol. I also realized how bad smoking made me smell. Bleckgh! I could smell it on my clothes hanging in the closet, my coats, in my truck...and on my wife as she was still smoking. After about 2 months with my Blu, I ran into some quality control issues paired with lack of customer support and got a little bitter. I actually began entertaining the idea of going back to smoking, if for no other reason than to avoid the frustration, when a coworker suggested a vape device that takes e-liquid. It's refillable, the flavor never runs out, there are way more flavors to choose from, greater variety of nicotine levels for step down, and just way more options. So I bought an ego vape pen with wild cherry e-liquid. That year I tried tons of different flavors. I didn't want to taste tobacco ever again. I wanted to avoid the possibility of temptation even though my restored senses were already against it. Smoking is not just a physical addiction, its mental and emotional as well. You get angry, you walk away and have a cigarette. Despite the fact that walking away from the thing that angered you is what helped, because you had a cigarette the mental correlation was made...smoke to calm down. Have good sex, smoke a cigarette...the emotional correlation is made. Smoking is "icing on the pleasure cake."

In that time, I also discovered that vapor volume was important. I began mouth-to-lung (MTL) like smoking, but the inhale/exhale volume sensation wasn't satisfying. In short, I wasn't getting enough vapor to mimic the same sensation as inhaling/exhaling tobacco smoke. So I upgraded my vape for direct lung (DL). I gradually went to a regulated tube mod, to a single battery regulated box mod, to what I use now...a dual battery programmable mod. It affords me the versatility of being able to put on an MTL tank and stealth vape for large crowded areas, or put on a DL tank for the vapor volume I prefer.

The point is, without the wide variety of e-liquid flavors and products, I would not have been able to stay off tobacco. Yes my vaping evolved with the technology, but only to achieve my "perfect vape" better and safer. I learned how to make my own e-liquid to save cost, but also to better know what I am inhaling. Plus, no one makes nectarine/mango/strawberry/ marshmallow e-liquid.

There's an old saying...variety is the spice of life. If you took away all flavors of ice cream and left only vanilla would watching your favorite "I wanna cry movie" curled up on the couch with a bowl be the same? Get rid of all candy bars

except plain Hershey's, would you be satisfied without a snickers? No more whoppers or big macs only regular hamburgers. I'm sure you get my point. I'm 42 years old. I like candy, fruit, and dessert foods. Fruit flavors are my preference for vaping, but once in a while a hubba bubba flavored vape (nostalgia) or cappuccino flavored vape (coffee lover) is a pleasant change...like a treat.

Teens have found ways to get cigarettes and start smoking long before vaping existed. Flavor was obviously not the cause for picking up the habit. Most of the time, the reason was to be cool...or rebellious. Smoking kills over 480,000 people per year in the U.S. alone, and claims over 41,000 lives due to secondhand exposure. Vaping has been around for about 15 years now without incident until this last year. What has changed? Cloud chasers using unregulated mods with improper loads and vaping cannabis. That's what's changed. The mod explosions...user error. Unregulated means no protection circuits against overheat, hit duration, high voltage drain, too low resistance load, or battery polarity. A mechanical mod is unregulated. The fire button is on the bottom. So if it's in your pocket when you sit down and the fire button gets depressed...it'll continue to fire until the button is released, the battery goes dead, or the battery overheats then vents then explodes. Or if the coil resistance is too low for the battery output it could overload and cause explosion. So trust the public to learn ohm's law and do the research to build safer...or eliminate unregulated mods completely. A regulated box mod can produce plenty of vapor, even for a vape trick competition. Though vaping is not 100% safe, it is scientifically proven 95% safer than smoking with zero secondhand exposure risk. Like I said, teens have been smoking for years regardless of illegality. If they are going to pick up a habit for whatever reason, I'd rather they vape. Vaping regular e-liquid has killed no one. Improper ingredients in cannabis vapes have killed 4, and is the cause of the recent lung issues that have been happening. Reasonable, responsible regulations for the betterment of vaping and its efficacy in cessation is what's needed. Cigarettes should be banned. But there are a lot of tobacco companies, and their stocks. Cessation products/treatments and their stocks. Choose life over profit. Help improve vaping, don't aid in it's destruction. Help fix the problem, don't limit the tools for overcoming it.

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Taylor Thrush

From: Heather Giganti <heathergiganti1@gmail.com>
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To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I am a 38 year old mother of 2, wife to my best friend for 21 years. I started smoking cigarettes when I was 16, SIXTEEN years old. Even though I never smoked around my children, they were still exposed to 2nd and now the new 3rd hand smoking. My clothes reeked of it, my car, my breath, and not to mention the most important part my HEALTH. Always coughing, shortness of breath, bronchitis a couple times a year. Three years ago my husband (who is NOT a smoker) introduced me to vaping. It was THE best decision of my life. I started at 18mg nic, and am down to 6mg. I no longer am sucking off an inhaler, I no longer have shortness of breath, I rarely EVER get sick, and more importantly my kids are no longer exposed to the dangers of disgusting cigarettes.

I am SO outraged that Whitmer is trying to ban e-cigarettes because of the safety of our "kids". If she TRULY cared, than she would ban alcohol AND cigarettes as well. I was 16 when I was getting my alcohol and cigarettes and I KNOW "kids" today are still finding ways to purchase these items. Also, it is OUTRAGEOUS to say these kids, that are getting sick is from vaping nicotine. Everyone knows it's the THC cartridges making these kids sick.

Saying we can no longer vape goes against all our constitutional rights!! This is NOT why we voted Whitmer into office. If and when the time comes for this RIDICULOUS BAN, I WILL NOT go back to cigarettes. Instead, when we take our mini vacations downstate, we will be going out of state so I can buy my e-juice. More money being spent out of Michigan. I should be supporting my local Michiganders and their businesses. This is so shameful.

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

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

As a retired dental hygienist, I have seen the devastation of smoking traditional cigarettes on one's health directly. All my loved ones have tried EVERYTHING to quit. Ecigs changed everything, my husband, mom, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends etc have been saved by them when nothing else worked. The ecig industry has been fine for 12 years. No one wants kids to vape, but if there wasn't vape, they would smoke and die eventually for sure. The recent 400+ cases deaths are specifically linked to kids contaminating the pods with THC. They should not be vaping to begin. Juul and gas stations are to blame for the uptick in kid use, not the vaping industry. They do not ID kids and have marketed to them. Taking away flavors is not the right thing to do either because 84% of adults who quit did so with flavors. Please do not allow Ecigs, that have been the safer alternative to smoking for past 12 years and proven so by a study in UK deeming them 95% healthier. Of course vaping is not healthy if one is putting a lung irritant in the juice that does not belong. If someone put chemicals into alcohol and someone died, we would not ban alcohol over that, we would hold those accountable for it. So makes no sense whatsoever to take away the FIRST LIFESAVING ALTERNATIVE TO SMOKING from responsible adults. Please take a closer look at how devastating this would be to public health if this is not protected. Please do not allow thousands, probably millions to go back to deadly smoking.

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From: Jarrod Jicha <jamminjerry2011@gmail.com>
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To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I am a totally blind 44 year old person, and I got off cigarettes in just 14 days thanks to vaping. Before I started vaping, I was on average a two pack a day smoker. I tried other methods like the patches, gums, and lozenges. None of those worked for me. When I heard about vaping in September of 2017, I talked to a few friends of mine threw twitter about it, asking lots of questions about vaping, where I could buy the juice, and hardware,, how safe it was, web sites that had information so I could do my own research, and there personal thoughts on how it worked for them.

I did a lot of thinking about smoking VS Vaping. What were the benifits I would get if I switched to vaping. Another thing I thought about was the cost between the two. I also thought about the health improvement I could get. the fact I could have less nicotine in my system, and if I wanted too, I could even eventually get myself to 0 nicotine too. I also thought about the fact that sometimes I would drop hot ashes on myself, so another improvement for me was the safety aspect as well. I thought I would give it a try, so September 16, 2017, I went to a local shop in Marion, Ohio, and purchased my first vaping kit, and different flavors of EJuice. I was offered tobaco flavored EJuice, but right away said no thanks, as I didn't want any type of taste, or smell reminding me of ciggaretttes. I knew that if I was going to be successful with this, I wanted nothing flavor, or smell wize that would remind me of ciggaretttes. During the next 14 days, I fell off the hourse a few times, but from September 16, 2017 4:00 PM, threw September 30, 2017 I only had about 15 ciggaretttes total, and 95 percent of those were ones I got off a friend, or a family member because they were at my house smoking.

Here it is September 11, 2019, and even being around the smell of a ciggarettte makes me think to myself, "I actually used to smoke those?" I haven't had one tobaco flavored EJuice threwhout my whole vaping journey, and 99 percent of the EJuice I have vaped has had 3MG or less of nicotine in it. I am very proud of myself, but Thanks to this proposed flavor ban, things could be a lot harder on me. While I don't think I would go back to ciggaretttes, because the smell right now is not one I like, if I am unable to get EJuice anymore, I could be tempted.

I really don't think that a flavor ban is going to solve the problem. In fact, I personally think it could make things werse. I could see people trying to make there own juices, and selling it to people, but with that not being regulated, god only knows what could actually be in the EJuice wich could make people sick, or werse. I personally think that we need to find other ways to keep teenagers from vaping. if they are buying it from stores, and a store is caught selling it to a teen, punish the store, not the intire vaping community of Michigan. If they are getting it online, then parents need to step in, and help so they are not purchasing it online. I know that could be a lot harder to stop, but I just don't see how banning flavors is really going to stop teens.

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

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

Me and my wife have been cigarette free for 6 years and going thru the use of flavored vaping products. Had it not been for the existence of vaping we would most likely both be dealing with serious illnesses related to smoking as we had both smoked for 30 odd years prior to quitting. Thru my counseling I have also been able to free 5 other family members from combustible tobacco thru the use of vaping.

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Taylor Thrush

From: Jay Bean <jay.bean2@gmail.com>
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To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I was a smoker for over 15 years, when I quit smoking it was at two packs a day the only way I stopped smoking is by vaping I wanted to get away from all tobacco flavors so I chose fruit flavors and vanilla custard I've now been vaping for 7 years, I was also a chronic asthmatic I do not have asthma anymore haven't had an attack in years have not had a cigarette in years due to the fact I'm still vaping, I have had no medical negative effects due to vaping. This whole epidemic is due to THC cartridges and bootleg cartridges that are being cut with vitamin e, that is not considered vaping! I will not quit vaping or give up on a cause that helps people's lives

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

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I am 38 years old, and mother to 3 daughters. I am from a low income demographic and i have serious concerns about the repercussions of this action, and the effect it is going to have in my community, my neighborhood and my family. Since the wave of vape products has started replacing cigarettes for nicotine delivery, there have been fewer cigarette butts on the sidewalks and in parking lots, and fewer and fewer teens have picked up actual cigarettes. I know quite a few people who vape regulated nicotine products that come in clearly labeled bottles and are packaged by professionals who have used these flavored products to actually successfully quit smoking cigarettes. They, like myself noticed an almost instant improvement in our ability to breathe. One thing they all have in common is that almost none of them (in fact few i have ever heard of) can stand the actual tobacco flavored juices. So my question is this: If you want to keep these products out of the hands of teens and children, would it not make more sense to enforce current laws prohibiting sales to minors, and enforce harsher punishments for parents who are failing to supervise their wayward offspring than to take the flavors away from honest adults who simply wish remove cigarettes from our lives? Why must this issue impact a freedom of choice we have been given as is our right in a free market culture? if you want it kept out of children's hands, then by all means, do what needs done, but taking it away from the adults as well is an infringement on our freedoms as the tax paying american citizens who voted your sneaking underhanded self into that office. I voted for you, i wont be making that mistake again if this passes. You can deny it but public opinion among vapors will crucify you with rumors that big tobacco funded this sudden interest. I hope you make the right decision and remember who you truly work for.

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To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Access to safer adult alternatives will help to save my life, and the life of thousands of Michiganders

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Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

Hello,

My name is Shane and I'm a former smoker. I started smoking at age 14, and smoked 1.5 packs a day for 16 years, and was only able to quit with vaping. Neither in the 16 years as a smoker, nor the five years as a vaper have I had any illnesses. It's the complete opposite. I don't get sick anymore, ever. And I have improved lung function tests each year from my Doctor. I tried to quit smoking several times in the past with traditional cessation products like the gum and patch to no avail. I was sure I would get cancer and die a smoker. The first eliquid I purchased was Milk And Honey from a company called Cosmic Fog. I knew then if I only had tobacco flavors, my urge to smoke would overtake me, and I would put my vapor device down. After two weeks I completely quit smoking, and on 9-15-19 I will be celebrating five years tobacco free thanks to vaping. This nonsense "public health crisis" will decimate the economy in Michigan. Hundreds of stores will close, thousands will lose jobs, and the tax revenue for the state will disappear. These Michigan vapor companies are not Big Tobacco, nor are they some conglomerate. They are small business owners (whom many are my friends) that have 100% pure intentions. They all want smokers to transition to vaping, no matter if it is because of their business or not. Additionally, these small business owners have had their own tragedy happen to them, or their loved ones, from smoking related illnesses. None of them want teens to vape anything. There are some bad players out there that run gas stations and C-stores that sell to minors, and the responsible owners unfortunately get lumped into that blame. Vapor only stores demand anyone in there to be 18 or older, and require identification to complete a sale. If flavored eliquid sales ceased in Michigan, I would be forced into buying from an unsafe black market, where most people are getting sick from those products. I would also be forced back into smoking, for I have no desire to vape tobacco only flavors. I hope this ban is overturned, for the sake of the businesses, their employees, and smokers who are like me, and looking to vaping as an alternative to smoking, which kills 480k people a year.

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