

Dear Committee,

I was first introduced to electronic cigarettes approx 7 years ago when my older two children decided they wanted to quit smoking cigarettes. They had tried the gum and Chantix (and don't even get me started on Chantix and the ill effects they had.) They were able to stop on day one and have not smoked since. I wish Vapor products were around when my father smoked but unfortunately they weren't and I lost him in 1989 at the age of 59.

I saw what amazing results my kids had and decided to open a store of my own. Now 6 years later I have helped 1000's of people stop smoking and never get tired of hearing the amazing stories and seeing them return to better health. My mother also stopped smoking cigarettes after 45 years once I open my store, she is now 88 and is great health since she quit using Sinammon flavored vape juice. Most people when making the decision to stop smoking DO NOT want tobacco or Menthol flavors, They do not want anything that reminds them of smoking.

People vape for the same reasons they smoked whether it be Stress relief, hunger control, ADHD, etc it is their way of coping with the everyday troubles. Prohibition didn't work in the past and it will not work now. While I believe in the age limit of 21 taking away the flavors is taking it away from adults 22 to in my case an 88 year old.

As a store owner in 2019 I paid the Sales Tax in the amount of \$22,968.63 and Consumable tax in the amount of \$21,375.78 on my products for my store alone. That was after the September scare that caused sales to decline in half. Multiply that by the number of stores in Kansas and this will have a great impact both locally and statewide.

Please reconsider your wording in House Bill 2563 and DO NOT destroy Kansas Small Business, because WE VAPE and WE VOTE.

THANKS FOR YOUR TIME,
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