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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: HB3090

My name is Nick Brodnicki, I am a resident of North Portland in Multnomah County. I am in full support of HB 3090 and urge the House Committee to also support this bill.

I support this bill because I take the 35 line bus to work and as I wait at my bus stop in the morning I am engulfed in clouds of vape smoke. It's adults AND school-age children smoking their favorite flavored vape devices of choice. It's disgusting and constantly makes me wonder what I'm exposing myself to around their vape smoke clouds. I've very aware of the incredible amounts of nicotine in these vapes. I know it's significantly more than a pack of combustible cigarettes. I often wonder why they choose to vape and subject themselves to a lifetime of addiction and financial dependence on a drug that has zero positive health effects. Especially the youth vaping around me. Their young brains are constantly being trained by the nicotine to want more and more. And that makes me think of my late father. My dad picked up menthol cigarettes as a kid and struggled his entire life to kick the habit. But his brain was wired from an early age to crave the nicotine. And now we're doing this too another generation with fancier devices. It's a complete shame.

Considering my dad died from COPD, because of his nicotine and cigarette addiction, I can't imagine the horrible health side effects all these young people will face in their future and the drain on our health system as a result. All because these flavored vapes smell good, and masked the taste of foul chemicals. I wish my dad were here today, but he's not because his addiction killed him. I really don't want to see flavored tobacco do this to another generation. We know what the outcomes look like, they are terrible.

Please support HB 3090 and prohibit distributing, selling, attempting to sell or allowing to be sold flavored inhalant delivery system product or flavored tobacco product in this state.

Thank you,
Nicholas Brodnicki