

My name is Carter Haukedahl,

I am a business owner in the Portland metro area. I Believe this bill will have negative consequences. I have seen the effects in California and it has done nothing that was intended. In our current state we allow flavored alcohol and flavored marijuana which could be argued as being "marketed towards children". There is no reason to draw the line at nicotine. The only way to prevent the issue of teenage usage with any of these products is with responsible retailers that ID at checkout. This is something we already enforce but could be expanded upon. We will force a black market of products that will be much more dangerous and predatory. This bill will only hurt consenting adults and children will still be able to get their hands on anything. My fear is that adults who have quit smoking will turn back to a much more dangerous habit and hurt themselves in the process. Teenage smoking rates have been on a downward trend for a long time. I think this bill is misguided and will not have the desired effect. My business will be hurt by this, I have four businesses in the Portland area and they are my only source of income and livelihood. This bill will hurt myself and my employees more than I could ever explain. It would be really painful for myself and my employees to lose our jobs over a law that I think is hypocritical, misguided and flawed. This will not have the right effect and will target a group that was not intended.