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On Behalf Of: Myself as a voting resident
Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care
Measure: HB3090

Chair Nosse, Vice-Chairs Nelson and Goodwein, and members of the House Committee on Behavioral Health and Human Care:

Re: HB 3090 I am writing to you to support HB 3090, the Preventing Nicotine Addition bill, and asking YOU to please support and get this bill passed, which will go far to help protect our kids and communities by stopping the sale of all flavored tobacco products in our state of Oregon.

I am a community member of grandparent age as well as a coalition member of Tualatin Together and have a long history of volunteerism in my community. Oh also I pay attention and I DO vote most every election throughout my life.

I support this bill because I have experience with family members who, at early ages, did succumb to the addiction of cigarettes. Some have since died, some now suffer from emphysema and COPD. Several who now use e-cigarettes did so because they thought it would be better for them than regular cigarettes and they thought it would help them to quit, well that has not happened instead they are now hooked on e-cigarettes and yes the flavored kind.

I understand that the numbers for our younger generation of school aged children include more than 3 million middle and high schoolers using tobacco e-cigarettes and 85% of those use the flavored products. I am sure you are aware that the leading cause in Oregon of preventable death and disease IS tobacco, killing more than 8,000 of our fellow Oregonians a year! The Oregon Health Authority recently published a report that states 25% of Oregon businesses sold tobacco to underage buyers. Since many Oregon businesses, tho it is against the law, do sell tobacco products to under 21 year old buyers, maybe not knowingly, it would be best to have this product NOT available in our state.

Please support our youth from getting hooked at such an early age to nicotine addiction thru e-cigarettes or tobacco use which will also help them live longer and healthy lives because they won't be subjected to a substance that will expose them to serious health issues and consequences that can plague them for the remainder of their lives.

So please, I ask you as I did at the beginning of this letter to support and pass HB3090, the Preventing Nicotine Addition Act. Thank you for your attention to this bill, please make a difference in the lives of our youngest Oregon residents. Thank

you for your time and taking my testimony in to your deliberations consideration.