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My name is Phurba Sherpa and we run a family business store. I agree tobacco products are not good for the kids and the flavor may attract them. That's why law impose the age 21 mandatory to purchase smoke or alcohol. As a owner and have worked this industry for 15 years and never ever got a ticket for selling to minor. The secret behind is simple you should love what you do and take seriously. Check ID on every item that requires age verification.

We have a new POS that links with ID scanner what's great about this POS is that every time we scan product if the product requires age verification than until and unless ID is not scanned the product wont display on the POS but if ID is scanned and age verified then only customer will be able to purchase.

Banning flavor tobacco will increase buying from black market and will have high risk on health and will also impact on economy especially when the country economy is not so great. Rather have it mandatory ID scanner in all the store and train each store and impose stone law if the store is found on selling tobacco products then their license should be revoked.

If the state really care about their people health then they should not only banned on flavor tobacco they should put a banned to all tobacco products locked the tobacco industry for ever.

Just because the name and the design of the product is so appealing doesn't mean it will attract or target anyone. I am surrounded by tobacco and alcohol every day at my work but I never got attracted to any and I don't drink nor I smoke.

Which means all kids won't use such product if they are well educated in school and especially at home. If the kids parent smoke infant of their kids those group of kids will likely to smoke.

Thank you

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