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Hello there my name is amberose rowson. And I am a vape shop operator from Albany Oregon. But I would like to talk to you as a person. I was at the meeting on 3/21 you all may have seen me I was the girl with the bright pink hair. I of course would first like to address the fact that I do not believe that any minor should be in possession of any nicotine related product.

I would also like to touch base on the fact that my personal shop is ran by nothing but single mothers, and if this ban where to take effect it would take half of my revenue. Which in turn would make it so I would have to fire half of my staff. Which have children, the ones that we are all so desperate to protect. If I have to fire half my staff there isn't a chance there isn't a risk there is a certainty that those children will suffer due to the lack of income in their households. I'm here to speak to you not only as a vape shop operator but as a mother of a 14 y/o girl. One question I'd like to ask that I haven't really seen anyone touch base on is that what point is it the parents responsibility to parent their children and make sure that they are not getting their hands on things that are meant for 21-year-olds. I can say with certainty that my 14 year old daughter has never Vaped because I make sure to police my child and am accountable for her whereabouts and what she's doing.

I would also like to ask the question, sense when are adults not allowed to like color and candy? I am a 34 year old female with pink hair. I love color and am always making sure to be a rainbow of sunshine where ever I go. I'm just sad I wasn't able to talk to you all while I was there, but I can say with my pink hair all the Adults couldn't take there eyes off me either (sense bright colors is one of the many concerns.)

I also witnessed each and every one of you eat starburst after it was presented as a exhibit. This proving my point of adults also like candy.

I do believe a solid solution would be to put ID scanners in every 21 and over shop and exclude the sale of Vapes and vape juice inconvenience stores another places that are not 21 and over.

On a personal note when I was a child there were no flavored anything except for menthol cigarettes, and regardless of flavor or no flavor I was still smoking at a young age, teenagers will get their hands on what they want if they are motivated enough and I believe that this will create a huge black market, one is not being regulated by factories making the vape juice but instead backyard vape juice that could then make people sick and or kill them.

There's also the argument of people going across state lines buying boxes of them and then selling them again on the black market. I do not believe that as a parent that this ban we'll make a difference in the teen use smoking or vaping, but instead take away jobs of those who need it, take away an alternative to cigarettes that I have seen help many many people quit smoking cigarettes including myself who smoked

for 20 years.

Just to shed some light on what a difference that is one single cigarette has 12 mg of nicotine, and there are 20 cigarettes in a pack, making one pack of cigarettes have 240 mg of nicotine, a pack usually lasts the average adult one to two days. My 60 mL bottle of vape juice is 3 mg and last me 2 weeks, this is not only more cost-effective in the economy that we are currently having, but my lungs feel better I feel better and I'm getting far less nicotine than a pack of cigarettes. I personally have helped almost 100 people quit smoking cigarettes. And they also tell me that are doing better on these smoking alternatives.

I implore you to understand not only as a committee but as people that this band will do more harm than good, and it is our responsibility as parents to be making sure that our children are not doing things that they are not meant to be doing.

I think you for your time and Hope has not only a committee but as people you see what I mean thanks