

Hello, my name is Courtney Wright.

As a consumer myself of these products, I cannot tell you enough about how vaping has saved me.

Not only has it helped me cut down on smoking cigarettes, I do not feel embarrassed or humiliated when I vape, I do not feel the need to excessively cover myself in perfume or lotions to smell better or worry about tasting like an ashtray when kissing my spouse. It is embarrassing, the smell, the taste, and the look. I have personally never walked by someone smoking and been like wow, that is hot... No, working in places that sell tobacco myself, I cannot express how nasty some people smell. I would much rather someone come in smelling of watermelon and rainbows than nasty cancer sticks.

If you ban vapes it will cause so many to go back to cigarettes, something that these people including myself have fought hard to overcome. Addiction itself is a hard disease to kick, but when you take one minute away it just leads others to even worse ones. You are ok with decriminalizing meth and other bad drugs, but you are trying to force everyone else to not be able to buy these products. Explain how these are worse than actual cigarettes and meth and alcohol? They are not. Quit trying to take away our rights and decisions as adults. These decisions should fall only on our shoulders. Not yours.

IT is my body, my choice. It works multiple ways. As an American I expect freedom and to be able to make my own choices.

The packaging on these products has nothing to do with children being attracted to it. It does not matter if the packaging is all black, I attended the meeting on this ban and all those in support all repeated the same thing over and over. As ADULTS we should 100% be able to choose what we put into our bodies.

This is just another way to control us Oregonian's. As a mother myself I can tell you my children have never once tried to take my vape, but they have picked up cigarette butts and put those in their mouths. Which again those can be found on any roadside and storefront.

Thank you for your time...