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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Commerce and Consumer
Protection

Measure, Appointment or
Topic: HB2528

Chair and Committee Members, I oppose HB 2528 because policy over tobacco and nicotine products should be dealt with through the elected state legislature to be properly debated so all voices can be included. Granting power to an unelected bureaucratic agency is anti-democratic and doesn't allow us and our industry to voice our concerns. Taxing alternative legal tobacco products, like nicotine pouches, with a new sky-high tax punishes adults who want something other than traditional tobacco and may force them back to smoking.

Please consider voting against this bill. Thank you.