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I want to express that 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, which includes all members of the communities.

There is high concern with granting power to an unelected bureaucratic agency and I see that as anti-democratic and it does not allow me and businesses like mine to voice our concerns.

A specific question that should be answered is; How or who keeps the OHA in check if they issue frivolous rules that will only hurt Oregon's small businesses?

Additionally, How will our government support its businesses then if their voice is removed from decision discussions?

Taxing alternative 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.