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I never thought I'd be able to quit smoking after so many years of addiction. The cravings, the habits, and the constant pull of cigarettes made it feel like there was no way out. But then I discovered vaporizers, and they gave me a real chance to break free from smoking.

At first, I was skeptical—could something like a vape really help me quit a habit I had been stuck in for so long? But the transition was smoother than I imagined. Vaporizers gave me a way to satisfy my cravings without the harmful chemicals found in traditional cigarettes. The gradual reduction in nicotine strength helped me wean myself off, without feeling overwhelmed by withdrawal.

What truly made the difference was the ability to mimic the act of smoking—holding something in my hand, the sensation of inhaling, and the clouds of vapor—without the toxic side effects. Over time, I found myself relying less and less on nicotine, and eventually, I was able to quit completely.

Vaporizers didn't just help me quit smoking—they made the process more manageable, and, honestly, much less stressful. I'm grateful for the role they played in my journey toward a healthier, smoke-free life. If you're thinking about quitting smoking, I highly recommend giving vaporizers a try. It was the tool that made all the difference for me.

Outlawing vaporizers in Oregon would strip away an important tool that helps thousands of people like me quit smoking. For many smokers, switching to vaping is not just a choice but a life-saving decision. Traditional cigarettes contain harmful substances like tar and carbon monoxide, which can lead to devastating health problems. Vaporizers, on the other hand, offer a less harmful alternative, allowing individuals to continue the act of smoking without inhaling the toxins that come with combustible cigarettes. For many, it's the difference between staying trapped in a dangerous addiction and finding a path to a healthier lifestyle.

Banning vaporizers would not only limit the options for those seeking to quit smoking but could also drive people back to more harmful habits. Instead of outlawing them, the focus should be on educating people about the benefits of vaping as a smoking cessation tool, ensuring that only safe, regulated products are available. Oregon should support those who are trying to quit and provide access to products that have proven to help people transition away from smoking. If we truly care about public

health, we must allow smokers the opportunity to use all available resources to live healthier lives.

It's important to note that Oregon has strict regulations in place to prevent minors from accessing vaporizers. The state enforces laws that prohibit the sale of vaping products to anyone under the age of 21, just as they do with cigarettes and other tobacco products. Retailers are required to verify the age of customers before making a sale, and there are serious penalties for those who violate these rules. These measures ensure that vaporizers are not falling into the hands of underage individuals, keeping them out of the reach of minors who are not legally allowed to use them.

Rather than outlawing vaporizers altogether, Oregon should continue to enforce these regulations and focus on education about the risks of vaping for young people. The conversation should be about protecting youth from potential misuse, while still allowing adults who are using vaporizers as a tool to quit smoking the opportunity to do so responsibly. By keeping vaporizers regulated and out of the hands of minors, Oregon can support responsible adult use while safeguarding public health.

Please reconsider these hurtful actions and think about all the people it helps in our great state.