

Dear Chairwoman Reynolds & Members of the Committee,

My name is Sang Kim. My wife and I own two convenience stores in Portland areas. We have seven great employees and we can't run businesses without them. For Delta Mini market, my latest addition was in 2015 and when we took over Best Buy foods in 2022, we kept existing employees and gratefully they are still with us.

As you expect, we do sell tobacco products at my stores including flavor tobaccos. Throughout my tenure, I have been educating my staffs about not selling tobaccos to any minors and ask them to check identifications closely. As your concern, you have every right to protect minors health and prevent from using tobacco products.

But I do strongly believe banning flavored tobacco products will not stop minors from using tobacco products.

Minors will buy flavored tobacco products from unlicensed online retailers their products may harm them more. Therefore, instead of banning flavored tobacco, you should focus on educating them.

Many convenience stores owners including myself relies sales of flavor tobacco products. If you enforce ban flavors tobacco products, the overall sales will decline and I will either have to lay off my staffs or cut their hours. It will be very hard to find work for them in this economy. Therefore, please reconsider your decision.

Thank you for your time to read this letter.

Sincerely,

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