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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Early Childhood and Behavioral Health

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB702

My name is Ryan Christian, and I oppose SB 702 - Prohibit distributing, selling, attempting to sell or offering to sell flavored inhalant delivery system products or flavored tobacco products in this state.

I believe this is a narrow-minded and short-sighted movement that pulls away from local businesses and economies. Not only that, but the prohibition of flavored inhalant delivery system products or flavored tobacco products will spark the creation of a black market in our state. People will begin trafficking flavored products over state lines to distribute and partake in. Not only that, but people will take creation of their own flavored products into their own hands which runs a significant risk of harm and even death. These products should be created by companies who know what they are doing and companies should be able to provide these options as an alternative to tobacco.

Finally, please take into consideration that no vape shop owner, or tobacco alternative establishment wants kids under the age of 21 to participate in the purchase or use of these systems. The children that continue to add to the statistic that sparks the creation of these bills are always in possession of big name brand flavored systems. If you want to stop children from vaping, ban companies such as Marlboro and Camel in our state. They create products that do not adhere to proper standards, and due to their mass availability in gas stations and convenience stores, they are the systems and products found in minors hands.

Please read the news and use critical thinking to understand where the actual problem stems from.

Thank you,
Ryan Christian