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On Behalf Of:  
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB702

Dear Chair Reynolds, Vice-chair Anderson and members of committee,  
My name is Naomi Robinson and I am a Junior at Lake Oswego High School. I write in support of senate bill 702.

I was in middle school when a girl passed out in the bathroom after using flavored e-cigarettes and ambulances rushed to take her to the hospital. They closed the bathroom that day but the artificially scent of vapor seeped into the hallways. This was the first time I saw a student rushed to the hospital after using flavored tobacco products, and I am sure they weren't the last.

As a student in high school, I've seen how flavored tobacco products impact the livelihood of students: what starts as a way to relax or a means to fit in quickly escalates to dependence. Often, leading students to miss class-time in order to use flavored tobacco products.

Youth are successfully being targeted by tobacco companies knowing that those who get hooked early, often remain life-long customers. These companies draw in teenagers with familiar candy and fruity flavors such as bubble gum, strawberry shortcake, and mango, that make flavored tobacco products appear less harmful and thus more attractive to teens. It's unfair and unacceptable to allow youth to fall into this trap.

Ending the sale of flavored tobacco products is a necessary step to protect youth from developing potentially life-long addictions.

It is imperative we act now because youth use of flavored tobacco products is an epidemic now, and because my generation is becoming addicted now, and will suffer for it in the future. So I urge you to please support senate bill 702.

Thank you.