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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Early Childhood and Behavioral Health

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB702

I oppose OR SB 702 - flavored nicotine products help smokers to quit.

There are already laws that prevent minors from purchasing tobacco and nicotine products, this proposed bill will only hurt responsible adults and drive them back into the arms of big cigarette companies. I oppose the state's attempts at controlling the public's choices under the guise of "public health". Flavored nicotine pouches have helped me successfully quit smoking. I did not start smoking until I was 18 (the law at the time). I did not start with flavored products, but if I did it would be my right as an adult of the age to purchase and consume tobacco and nicotine products. I smoked for years and eventually quit with the help of nicotine pouches like Zyn, in mint flavors. I do not believe these products are "marketed towards children" as this bill's language accuses, these products are behind the counter of gas-stations and tobacconists and are not for sale or advertised to children. Let responsible adults makes their own choices when it comes to nicotine usage.

Sincerely,

James Lindland