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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Early Childhood and Behavioral Health
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB702

Dear Chair Reynolds, Vice-Chair Anderson, and members of the committee:

I'm writing to urge your full support of SB 702 as introduced.

On Tuesday afternoon, you heard from both those in support of and those in opposition of this bill. Supporters clearly made their case for why decisive action must be taken on flavored tobacco products. These products are packed with nicotine, which is extremely addictive and can harm young people's developing brains as well as exacerbate mental health issues. The most popular of these products with young people, disposable vapes like Elf Bar and Geek Bar, can contain more than 30 times the amount of nicotine contained in a single pack of cigarettes. And these products are everywhere in our communities. They may not be sold at Fred Meyer or Plaid Pantry, but they line the shelves of hundreds and hundreds of independent convenience stores and gas stations across Oregon. These are businesses that are on the same blocks as schools, day cares, libraries, parks, and other places where young people and children gather.

It's time to end the sale of these products in our communities and prioritize the health and well being of young people in Oregon. Please support SB 702.

Thank you,

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