

Oregon Neighborhood Store Association

Senate Committee on Labor & Business

Senator Kathleen Taylor, Chair and Members of the Committee

RE: Senate Bill 1020

On behalf of the Oregon Neighborhood Store Association (ONSA), I respectfully request the Committee to not give further consideration or advance Senate Bill 1020. ONSA, established over 25 years ago, represents the interests of retailers, with a specific emphasis on the convenience store sector.

The general concept has merit however, establishing new requirements to collect, account and remit a deposit on an inhalant delivery device would represent yet an additional business requirement that would be difficult and cumbersome to administer. Establishing a \$5.00 deposit requirement to be collected at the point of retail sale would very likely be confusing and frustrating for Oregon customers.

Additionally, considering the limited size of many convenience stores, typically less than 2,500 square feet, the potential storage of redeemed devices would be very difficult to address.

On a positive note, we would encourage the Committee to consider establishing some type of "education or public awareness" effort associated with the proper disposal of inhalant delivery systems. However, currently, we strongly believe a mandated redemption program remains premature in nature.

We encourage the Committee to reject SB 1020 at the current time.

Respectfully,

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