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SB 1198 Testimony

Hello- My name is Mayamba Ibrahim, and I and my family own 4 General Merchandise stores in Central Oregon and The Dalles, OR.

I work along with several family members and long-time employees in the business my late father-in-law started in 1977. For over 40 years we have been in the tobacco business. Through much hard work he was able grow the business to the current 4 stores.

I am writing to you today to ask you to oppose SB 1198. This bill, as written butts too much authority in the hands of the OHA. With the OHA having the ability to make rules without legislative oversight, there will most likely be unintended consequences. The agency directors, staff, etc. are not likely to listen to retailers and constituents. They could cost the state a lot of tax revenue by banning items. The people who are in the business need to have input and have their voices heard. As it is, this very bill was introduced quickly. It gave little time for those affected the most by this to respond.

They could also drive people to the black market. The more you ban the legal products, the more the black market attractive to the customer.

All of us who are responsible retailers are against minors having access to these products. We can agree on the intent to keep these products out of the hand of minors. This bill is too vague and gives too much authority to an agency, rather than properly placed in the hands of legislators.

I urge you to oppose SB 1198