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On Behalf Of:

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SB702

I am opposed SB 702.

As an adult of 62 years of age who stopped smoking cigarettes four years ago, I'm very unhappy with the idea that because I chose Menthol instead of regular flavor I will no longer be able to enjoy my specific choice. Menthol was never intended to sway children to smoke. It was designed to give adults the option of something more refreshing than regular tobacco.

I understand that flavors such as cotton candy, fruity, and other sweet flavors may entice younger users, however I know many adults in their 30's, that enjoy those flavors, but not simple Menthol.

I do not argue the fact that smoking tobacco is harmful, to most people. I do however argue that simply removing a flavored choice of tobacco or vape, will keep children from using tobacco, which is what this Bill is supposed to do. Menthol should not be included under the category of "flavored".

Stores that supply these choices, are where the concern needs to be. Make them accountable for whom they sell these products to. It is not a decision for Government to make.