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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB702

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed bill that seeks to prohibit the distribution, sale, or offering of flavored tobacco and inhalant delivery system products in Oregon, except through OLCC-licensed stores or those authorized by local government.

This bill unfairly targets small, independent businesses and vape shops that operate responsibly and rely heavily on the sale of flavored products to stay afloat. By limiting sales to OLCC-licensed premises, the legislation creates a monopoly that favors larger entities and punishes law-abiding small business owners.

Furthermore, adult consumers deserve the freedom to choose flavored alternatives, especially as many have used them to transition away from combustible tobacco products. Restricting access may drive users back to cigarettes or unregulated sources, undermining public health goals.

I urge you to vote NO on this bill and support a fair, evidence-based approach that balances adult choice, small business rights, and youth protection without overreach.