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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB702

Dear Chair & Committee Members,

I am writing to oppose this bill for several reasons. One is the liquor store owners do not want these products taking up space in their stores. Pipe tobacco is bulky and take space, some is sold in five pound bags that get bagged up for the customer in sizes they choose to purchase, from one, two, eight, sixteen ounces from that five from that five pound bag. It is also sold by the manufacturers in various weights. Some of it is the cherry aroma you identified with your Grandpa for favorite uncle. Teenagers do not buy pipe tobacco, I have been selling it for thirty-three years, so I know what I am taking about.

I do not sell vapes and flavored cigarettes are already banned. If teens want to buy vapes, they will just give their money to an older friend or sibling to buy them. You should go out in the marketplace and talk to retailers before just passing laws.

Respectfully submitted, Jan Esler-Rowe