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Chair Meek, members of the committee.

My name is Jason Weber, owner of Vape Crusaders.

I have 5 locations, across 3 counties, and 25 direct employees in this state. This is my life's work and passion, 11 years since the start of our companies. Not only did I get married and purchase my first home, but I have employees who have done the same. This is our whole life.

My district Manager is on maternity leave as we speak. Could you imagine being in your early 20s, working your way up for 6 years in a company to make enough to get married, buy a home, and have a baby, but then to come back from leave and be told sorry you no longer have this career.

I am an expert on vapor more than anyone in this room.  
I manufacture in an iso level 7 lab, wholesale, and retail.  
I know the science and the advocacy, pros and cons like no other.  
I should be used here for my knowledge.

I have to believe a lot of the people in this room know this bill is wrong, or they wouldn't have to use blatant lies to push it.

The opposition gets the facts on smoking cigarettes right, but then in the same breath switches back to talking about vaping to deceive.  
It's sickening when I hear doctors and pediatricians lie, or when politicians and health groups cherry pick dates rather than giving you updated info, or when they use propaganda, that's long been debunked.

Allow me to present some actual facts,  
-Evali was from the carts not nicotine  
-vapor will never exceed 5% of the risk of smoking  
-Youth vaping is down 70% in the last 5 years.  
-Youth nicotine consumption is at a 10 year low.  
-Nicotine vaping has 0 tar, caused 0 cancer, 0 lung disease, and 0 deaths.

Contrary to what a certain state representative wanted you to believe last hearing, the DOR has said that we went from 22% carding failure in 2022, down to 14% in 2024.

Lastly we're the same thing as a liquor store, infact we have begged for years to be under OLCC. We're 21+ at the door, without the burden of selling sin products. So why would you give our businesses away to them instead of including us?

These C stores will be hurt by the absence of flavored products, but it's our entire business. I don't have groceries and other stuff to fall back on. This is it for us.

Please don't restrict access to life saving technology, and please don't ruin me, my families, and my employees and their families livelihood.

Sit down with us and listen to the actual science and facts, let me help you create a real solution where everyone wins.

Thank you