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I oppose Senate Bill 702. It is already established that it is illegal for anyone under the age of 21 to buy any tobacco or synthetic nicotine products in the state of Oregon.

In my personal experience I have seen countless lives improved after switching from smoking traditional cigarettes to vaping E-Liquid. My mother and best friend had both smoked cigarettes most of their lives and had rapidly declining health. Vaporizing E-Liquid solved that problem. It is very clear when you look at unbiased information (i.e. the truth) and witness people go through that experience how much the quality of life and general health is improved. Finding a flavor you like is THE MOST IMPORTANT PART of the formula that leads to successfully quitting tobacco cigarettes. I can take it one step further as well. After finding a desirable "candy-like" flavor, my friend not only quit smoking cigarettes but cut out long-cut chewing tobacco AND his candy/sweets/soda intake has gone way down. Anybody who is not in denial can agree one option is healthier than the other.

Lastly, I would like to leave you with something to think about. If the flavors are the primary concern for attracting and addicting people under 21, then why do you allow the thousands of addicting chemicals and unnecessary dyes that cause cancer and other horrible diseases in our food, snacks, sweets, and candies. Chemicals and dyes that we know (and have known for decades) cause a never-ending list of problems. These companies and laboratories created the products and marketing system that peddle poison to children and continue to sell poison to children and adults alike. We as a people know all of this information and still have no problem using these poisonous, nutrition-less, deliberately detrimental food-like substances as a reward at the earliest stages of life. We all remember getting a "pink lemonade" flavored lollipop or a bag of Skittles as a reward for answering a question in kindergarten or being rewarded with a Coca-Cola after mowing the lawn for Mom. Why is that acceptable and flavored E-Liquid that is proven to be much less harmful (and is unavailable to anyone under the age of 21) is not acceptable?

Please tune back in to the frequencies of God. Stop this mindless evil. Sit tonight and meditate. Pray. Reevaluate your concepts of right and wrong. This is a much bigger issue than flavors in E-Liquid. This is about the freedom of the human race. You, sitting there in the capitol or sitting in your home we the people have helped pay for, please help restore balance to this country.

Thank you for the time you have sacrificed to read this. Have a great day.