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TO: Chair Meeks, Co-Chair McLane, & Members of the Senate Committee on Finance &
Revenue
Oregon State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

FROM: Laurie Kimmell, MSgt, USAF (Ret.)

SUBJECT: SB 702A

ATTENTION: FOR ALL REVIEWING AUTHORITIES

- 1 I am in opposition of this bill. Last week's quarterly revenue forecast from the office of economic analysis should be a leading indicator of failed business and bad spending policies. This bill is not about curbing youths' usage of nicotine products but, creating an oligarchy of OLCC and Oregon Health Authority (OHA) in a jigsaw puzzle of bills (HB 2528) which takes away private enterprise and moves unfettered authority to two state government agencies. There are Federal laws already enacted regarding tobacco. This bill duplicates Federal laws which the Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) already enforces.
2. Oregon is not business friendly through regulatory and tax policies pushed through the legislature. Oregon has become a less attractive place to have a small business and to live. People and businesses are leaving the state (Dutch Bros - headquarters, Burnett Media). This bill is not about a health crisis or nicotine cessation that can be curbed by education at home and the schools. SB 702A interferes with free enterprise. It moves private business enterprises to a state-run agency and outlets. Many of these small tobacco outlets are ran by minorities and immigrants. Small business is the backbone of this country. We don't need less business and more government in this state.

Thank you,
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