

Dear Chair Bowman and members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of SB 1198. As someone who has run smoking cessation classes, I know the challenge of stopping use of nicotine containing products once one has begun using them. As someone who has taught 7th grade health classes for 6 years, I know how quickly young people pick up new "fads" and how hard it is for them to consider the long term impact of their actions.

Faced with the toll of nicotine use on our national health, anything we can do to discourage this use is important. This bill helps clarify decisions already made to make it less likely that young people will begin using these products.

Thank you for your service,

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