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I am a pediatrician writing to support SB 1571, which would close the current loophole in the law that allows nicotine pouches to be sold without a license. Nicotine is an addictive substance that leads to further addictive and harmful behaviors. As a pediatrician, I see children who are becoming nicotine addicted in early adolescence and have to manage the deteriorating mental health and functioning that follows. This bill will help keep nicotine out of the hands of children. The data here is clear: regulations on nicotine sales reduce their use by children, and reduced use in children leads to lower rates of addiction and associated complications in adulthood. This bill will help us keep our children strong and healthy throughout their lives.

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