

My name is Jennifer Forsyth and I live in Portland. I'm a mom of three and have been a volunteer with Parents Against Vaping for several years.

I've seen firsthand how flavored tobacco products can devastate young lives. The toll these candy-like products have taken on my youngest son has been especially heartbreak. I watched his health, focus, and confidence suffer, and as a parent, I felt powerless knowing just how addictive and damaging these products can be.

Now, Big Tobacco has a new product: nicotine pouches. They come in the same kid-friendly flavors like Sour Blue Razz and Mango, and are designed to be even easier to hide. Nicotine pouches are poised to hook the next generation just like flavored vapes did. Right now, Oregon has no rules restricting their sale to minors and they can be bought online and in stores, with no age verification or license required.

I don't want my children, or any child in Oregon, to face the heartbreak, health struggles, and loss of confidence that so many young people have suffered because of flavored tobacco. SB 1571 is a simple, common-sense step to protect kids before addiction takes hold. By regulating nicotine pouches like other tobacco products, we can prevent a whole new generation from falling into the same trap.

Please vote yes on SB 1571. Our kids are counting on you.

Thank you.