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Hello,

As a parent of a middle schooler, and a PTO board member, I know first hand how hard it is to navigate everything out there that is harmful for our kids. We need the state to create guidance and laws to keep kids safe. Given that these give off no smoke, smell, or require frequent spitting, it makes them easier to hide their usage. Nicotine pouches are not safe or healthy, and highly addictive, and should be regulated similar to other tobacco products.

I have an adult family member who never smoked, or used chew, but is now addicted to these pouches. I'm pretty sure if they were categorized like cigarettes, the stigma would have kept him from trying them.

Thanks for your time.