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From: Gareau, Lauren (RIDOH - Contractor)
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2020 11:11 AM
To: Gareau, Lauren (RIDOH - Contractor)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] : flavor ban - Poisson Comment

From: Alan Poisson <alanpoisson@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 1:35 AM
To: Pullano, Paula (RIDOH) <Paula.Pullano@health.ri.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : flavor ban

Dear Paula Pullano:

I spent many years watching TV, having a drink and smoking cigarettes in the evening. I never thought that I would quit or even thought I wanted to quit cigarettes.

For the past five and a half years I have been watching TV, having a drink and vaping my favorite flavored e cigarette in the evening. The coughing, hacking and wheezing have now disappeared. I breath better and know it is because I switched from smoking cigarettes to vaping e cigarettes. I feel much healthier because of the switch.

I have tried many flavors and believe that is what keeps me from smoking. Not even one drag of a cigarette since 08/02/2014 because I stopped at a vape shop and purchased flavored e liquid and a vape pen on my way home from a doctors visit.

I am angered by this flavor ban. Also the people at the vape shop, both employee's and customers are angered as well. Visiting the vape shop was an enjoyable experience until this ridiculous flavor ban.

Flavored e cigarettes are helping myself and others become free from smoking cigarettes and giving us a better and longer life.

I hope you are an advocate or will become an advocate for flavored e cigarettes. I hope you can convince the politicians that they should end the flavor ban. They should first attempt to stop underage vaping before banning flavors entirely. Remove the cheep junk disposable devises from convenience stores and gas stations. Only sell in adult only vape shops and the underage will not have as easy access to vape products.

This will save many adults who do not want to go back to cigarettes. It will also prevent shop owners from losing their livelihood.

Please help save myself and the people in the RI vaping community.

(Vaping e cigarettes vs. vaping thc is even more different than smoking cigarettes vs.smoking marijuana)

Thank you
Alan Poisson
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