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Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Vaping ban

As I respectfully understand the notion that e-cigarette use amongst teens has risen in 2018 I'd like for you to look at the release of Juuls and what is called "salt nicotine" these tobacco company's have not only harmed the image of the vaping. But the Beneficiary's of the use of e-cigarettes. Despite the unknown long term effects of vaping, we do know that vaping does not carry any second hand smoke effect and carries extremely minor amounts of chemicals in direct comparison of cigarette smoke such as carcinogenic chemicals or cytotoxic chemicals.

Please keep in mind the mortalities of smoking.

Only recently have people started dying from black market THC/CBD. In MA we had an emergency ban of all vaping products DISPUTE the fact that CBD products still continue to sell in gas stations, smoke shops and convenience stores. The MA senate have the incorrect understanding of today's industry of vaping and I would like to enlighten you and the council upon this from someone who has experienced it first hand...

I was Started smoking at the age of 16. I was up to 2 packs a day at the age of 18. By 20 I discovered a newly designed product now known as an e cigarette. Upon dedication to vaping I regained my life, I could breath again. People around me could breath again. I can run now. Work out now. I can breathe without feeling like I already paid that breathe forward. There are benefits of of e-cigarettes. The first step to curing people is not from prohibition. But buy leaning people towards vaping and removing any "salt-nic" products that will be or currently on the market

These flavors not only saved me as an adult from traditional smoking, but encouraged me to better myself with the selection of flavors and invite me to explore the benefits of e-cigarettes and vaping

Flavors are not the cause of concern here. It is kids and a buzz. I invite Rhode Island to be the first of many to make the right decision and help the greater public encouraging a healthy life style and cleaner areas