

Goulet, Morgan (OHHS)

From: Gareau, Lauren (RIDOH - Contractor)
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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] : Vaping - backinri comment

From: backinri75 <backinri75@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 9:09 PM
To: Pullano, Paula (RIDOH) <Paula.Pullano@health.ri.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Vaping

Dear Ms. Pullano,

I am a lifelong resident of Rhode Island. I smoked cigarettes since 12 years old. I tried patches, gum, wellbutrin, chantix numerous times and none of them worked, I always went back. I'm asthmatic and borderline copd because of smoking. I used a nebulizer daily, pills, multiple inhalers and steroids. October 2018 I made a commitment with my partner to quit smoking for my birthday.

We went to a legit vape store (White Horse Vapor) bought us both setups and both tobacco flavored and grape lemonade and strawberry crunch e-liquids. I discovered quickly the tobacco flavored was not for me, it reminded me to much of what I was trying to quit. I thought to myself, why am I bothering I may as well just smoke. Then I tried the flavored juices. What a difference! The flavors completely disassociate me from cigarettes!

It is now Jan 2020 and I've been smoke free for 18MONTHS! No other product has worked for me, I was lucky to make it 18 days. Vaping has SAVED me! My primary care and pulmonologist have both stated that my lungs have NEVER sounded better! I no longer need my nebulizer and my meds have been cut drastically.

I am an adult, I enjoy having my shiny electric blue vape mod, I love my strawberry cereal and grape lemonade flavors. The banning of these products is absurd while cigarettes are readily available and take far more lives than vaping.

You cannot control your level of nicotine with cigarettes but I can with my vape. I started at 12mg and gradually decreased myself down to 3mg. Soon I feel I can make that Omg. Can I buy a cigarette with 0% nicotine?

They have hundreds of flavored alcohol even hello kitty wine but it's all legal! Hello kitty wine, really? I'm sure that's a very limited adult group interested in this.

Don't take away our right as adults to vape in general and enjoy flavored e-juice! If we can be drafted to goto war at age 18 and have an assault rifle thrown in our hands and hope to make it home alive we should have the right to vape regulated products from legitimate stores required to carry special licensing and the same strict age requirement laws that tobacco products have.

Thank you for your time,

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Sent from my Samsung Galaxy Note9.