

Taylor Thrush

From: Darin Eller <darinkeitheller@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2019 10:59 AM
To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

Flavored e-juice really helped me switch from the dangerous effects of cigarette smoking to the less harmful vaping products. I don't believe that banning flavors is the way to handle this situation. Taking away a safe substitute from cigarettes makes no sense and in essence that's what will happen. People will start smoking again. If vape products are banned people will use other forms of tobacco and that's not a healthy choice. As far as the issue of underage people using vape products, that's another issue of how retailers must control the sale with proper age restrictions enforced. Don't ban flavors.

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From: Sam DiCaro <sammydicaro@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2019 9:32 AM
To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I have been smoking cigarettes since I've been 11 years old. I quit smoking and started vaping. My health has greatly improved. The people who have been getting sick aren't using these products correctly. A lot of them are using cartridges given to them by drug dealers. They aren't even Tobacco products. I enjoy nicotine and it's my right as an American to do so. Don't make me switch back to the alternative that's so much more unhealthy. Also I don't think it's right how many small businesses you will be hurting.

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Taylor Thrush

From: Yvette Rickstad <yvette@charter.net>
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To: Taylor Thrush
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Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

In 2012 I quick a 30 year smoking habit immediately after vaping flavored e-cig juice and in turn am also living a healthier vegan lifestyle!!!!

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Taylor Thrush

From: Debra Pembrook <kidsemail.leighton73@gmail.com>
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To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I had a Heart Attack in 2013 at the age of 45. I quit smoking as soon as I got out the hospital by using Sweet candy flavored Juices. I have not smoked since and have since lowered my nicotine to 0. I still use my vape daily. My lungs are clear, I am as healthy as a horse. Please dont force me to go back to smoking as this is the only alternative I have.

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From: Rep. Matt Hall (District 63)
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2019 1:05 PM
To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: FW: Vaping Ban

From: Julie Gauthier <juju8212@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2019 12:52 PM
To: Rep. Matt Hall (District 63) <MattHall@house.mi.gov>
Subject: Vaping Ban

Dear Mr. Hall,

I understand you will be conducting a hearing regarding the ban on flavored E-cigs. Below is a copy of a letter I wrote to the Governor, that I would like to submit for your review and consideration.

Thank you.

Julie Gauthier

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Governor Whitmer,

As one of your constituents I am writing in response to your "public health emergency" flavored vaping ban. This order needs to be rescinded immediately and the preexisting laws enforced.

I smoked combustible cigarettes for 14 years and never thought I'd stop. I tried every flavor of tobacco and menthol juices I could find, none worked. Then I tried bubblegum flavor ejuice, and was finally able to quit. I never went back to combustible cigarettes, but fear I might now, along with many other adults in this state. Going back to smoking could create the real public health emergency here.

After watching your "press conference" this afternoon, I realized you know little about vaping, yet somehow feel qualified to ban it. I am seriously questioning your motives and am curious if big tobacco is in your pocket, especially after your recent press conference in which you stated there was two and a half billion dollars needed to fix our roads.

You state ejuice is "sold right next to the candy", but have you been to a vape shop? I know from this statement you haven't and I encourage you to go visit a couple before they are all shut down by your overreaching executive order. I have never seen candy for sale at one vape shop and kids aren't even allowed to even go in the door! Yet kids do go into gas stations, liquor stores, and places where BIG TOBACCO sells cigalikes, cotton candy and cake flavored vodka, grape, strawberry, orange, and fruit punch flavored tobacco cigars and chew.

As a parent of teenage and younger children, I also know vaping is widespread, but it's the big tobacco companies products these teens are getting their hands on. One of the most popular teen vaping devices is Juul, who is owned by the same owner company a Marlboro, which happens to be excluded from your ban. They are just one of many vaping devices owned by big tobacco. I understand you wanting to do the right thing, but this ban is not the right thing, nor is it being done the right way.

Adults enjoy sweets and treats too. I generally vape 2 flavors, a buttermilk pie and a rainbow sherbet cake ejuice. I have not gotten a tobacco, mint or menthol flavored juice since I quit smoking! I have tried multiple flavors of ejuice, from ice cream to cookies to cereal and cakes! It's part of the enjoyment of switching to vaping, not having to taste or smell smoke.

Your statement regarding formaldehyde neglected that the study was funded by big tobacco and that the liquid was heated to levels no one could or would want to vape at. It is not an accurate reflection of how humans, adult humans, actually vape.

Even if some carcinogens are present, vaping is still a safer option compared to the seven thousand chemicals, and two-hundred and fifty carcinogens found in combustible cigarettes. No one is saying e-cigarettes are safe, but rather, that they are a safer option for adults trying to quit. Below are quotes from Science Daily supporting the above statements.

The Addiction study, led by cardiologist Dr. Konstantinos Farsalinos, found "Our results verify previous observations that it is possible for e-cigarettes to generate high levels of aldehydes; however, this is observed only under dry puff conditions, which deliver a strong unpleasant taste that vapers detect and avoid, by reducing power levels and puff duration or by increasing inter-puff interval. Minimal amounts of aldehydes are released in normal vaping conditions, even if high power levels are used. In those normal-use conditions, aldehyde emissions are far lower than in tobacco cigarette smoke."

The paper goes onto say the Director of the Tobacco Dependence Research Unit at Barts and The London School of Medicine, UK, says e-cigarettes are a safer alternative to combustible cigarettes.

"These findings emphasize the importance of making clear the conditions in which tests of this kind are undertaken and avoiding sweeping assertions that can mislead the public. Vapers are not exposed to dangerous levels of aldehydes. My reading of the evidence is that e-cigarettes are at least 95% safer than smoking. Smokers should be encouraged to switch to."

I'd like you to know Brittan posts signage outside of hospitals stating it's 95% safer. Interesting facts considering big tobacco and big pharma are major players here send not in the UK. Why do you allow our Attorney General to dictate your decisions, rather than those who voted for you m

Your statement regarding multiple injuries from vaping failed to acknowledge the widespread reporting of vaping of tetrahydrocannabinol, or (T.H.C.), the psychoactive chemical found in marijuana being in the black market vapes many of these people reported using. You fail to realize your ban promotes this practice since adults can no longer get ejuice from reputable vendors, producing ejuice safely in labs, with sterile practices, all while striving to obtain compliance

following the FDA guidelines that have been proposed and linked below for your review. The nightly news has now reported shutting down one of these black market sellers, who in fact, were selling THC OIL to use in vaping devices, however, this is not happening with vapers using safely manufactured ejuice!

All of this lets me know you haven't done enough to actually educate yourself on vaping before jumping to conclusions! This is NOT what a leader does! As a constituent of yours I strongly object and ask that you rescind this order. Go back and work with our appointed leaders to make common sense laws and guidelines, along with ways to enforce those already in place. Stop acting like a dictator and start representing those who've elected you to your office.

Many in this state have voted to legalize marijuana, do you really think those same voters want to limit the options for adults who are trying to quit combustible cigarettes? How ridiculous is it that I could drink cotton candy vodka while smoking a strawberry flavored blunt but not enjoy a flavored vape in my state?

Those who've made a living running reputable vape shops are now going to be unemployed, many at a significant loss, causing bankruptcies and unemployment, many of whom voted for you. Our children are getting these devices mostly from gas stations and liquor stores, yet you are punishing small business owners and adults throughout this state. You also seem to be neglecting the much needed revenue from income tax and sales tax related to the sale of these products.

This overreach will result in many single issue voters and I am one of them. I may be a Democrat, but my health becomes before a party line and if you do not rescind this order, you will lose my vote, along with many others.

Sincerely,

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Taylor Thrush

From: Laura Stroebel <user@votervoice.net>
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Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I was diagnosed with COPD a few years ago and Since switching from cigarettes to vaping 3 months ago my lung capacity has tripled. My doctor said my lungs are healing and few signs of COPD remain. I breathe better, I have more energy, my sense of smell and taste have improved. My entire quality of life has improved. Now you want to take this away from me. Along with many others this ban will cause me to return to cigarettes because it has not been long enough to wean completely off nicotine. Patches have not worked for me. The possible side effects of Chantix are not worth the risk. By doing this you will create a huge black market which could be deadly to many more people. Did you learn nothing from prohibition?

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From: Bryan Mcinerney <bryanpmcinerney@gmail.com>
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To: Taylor Thrush
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Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I have been a tobacco smoker from age 10 to age 30. In the last 8 years i stopped smoking for 3 years. I stopped smoking and i felt great. I did what i felt was impossible. Then tobacco re-entered my life like so many others. Mostly because my family and friends smoke. In that 4th year i found e-cigs and then vaping. These alternatives may have saved my life. Regardless of the flavors the alternative doesnt make me feel ill as tobacco would. I even converted smokers of all adult ages to vaping. There are no studies that i know about the effects of vaping so why ban it when it helps people. There are other avenues that a lawmaker can do to stopp minors from vaping. Remember the actual proven killer is tobacco yet it is not banned. I implore you not to take away away my alternative, my choice, and possibly my life because other avenues are not being pursued.

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From: Aaron Landers <landers.aaron.j@gmail.com>
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Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

Think of all the parents that may switch back to combustible cigarettes. Kids who aren't involved may be in hazardous second hand smoke conditions again.

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Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I smoked for over 45 years before i started vaping. My health is much better than it was when I was smoking. I am an adult and I make decisions that are in my best interest. If you want to impose an age limit fine! Please remember I vote and I will remember !!!!!

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Taylor Thrush

From: Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Russell <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2019 3:50 PM
To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I have lost 73 pounds and quit smoking because of flavored vapes. Prohibition has never worked in the history of the United States. Please reconsider this catastrophe waiting to happen and to circumvent the inevitable unsafe black market that would surely follow.

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Taylor Thrush

From: Devin Shoemaker <devin@shoemaker.info>
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2019 3:34 PM
To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I really enjoy not being financially drained giving money to RJ Reynolds every day, and not coughing up black phlegm every morning. This hasty legislation removing products that have nothing to do with the black market THC vapes people are getting sick from is nothing but harmful.

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To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I am a former smoker. Have been using e-cigs for 10 years. No ill effects. And yes I use the flavored e juice. I am 63 years young! I find this reaction by our Governor hysterical. These are isolated cases only recently. Obviously these cases were not caused by long term e- cig use. I believe the government should enforce the laws for underage use and let the adults make their own choices. Oh and I must add I don't see anybody trying to pull flavored alcohol off the market!

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Taylor Thrush

From: Clint Barber <clintbarber133@gmail.com>
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To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

Vaping has saved so many lives by keeping people from using cancerous combustible tobacco. please do not ban vaping or flavors because it is what helps adults switch and stay off of combustible tobacco.

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Taylor Thrush

From: Daniel Prebenda <danprebenda@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2019 1:26 AM
To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

Please don't let the flavor ban stand. I have been cigarette free for 4 years and 1 week. All thanks to flavored vape products. If this ban holds up and I am forced to buy tobacco flavors only, I am afraid I will just end up smoking again. I quit smoking to try and save my health and to save money. Please don't punish adults just because children find a way to get their hands on it. Banning vape flavors is like banning bubblegum vodka. I honestly do not want to smoke again, but if only tobacco flavors are allowed, I'd rather have the real thing.

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From: Debra Cowan <dfount106@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2019 6:11 PM
To: Taylor Thrush
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Taylor Thrush

From: Hayley Myron <h.myron1@gmail.com>
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To: Taylor Thrush
Subject: Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

As a nonsmoker, it is hard to watch my ex-smoking friends struggle to find an safer alternative to vape. These flavored vapes are a pivotal tool in helping people across the country kick their cigarette usage.

These flavors are not aimed at children, unless all flavored alcohols are marketed towards children as well?

Being an adult user does not mean that they only can enjoy "sophisticated" tastes. There is a reason that flavored vapes do well in reducing cigarette usage.

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I'm so angry this is the only thing that helped me stop smoking. Not using a nicotine flavor breaks the association and then you want to smoke the non-nicotine flavor and then you went off you are making me unable to mitigate and heavy smoking cessation plan. As an adult you are removing my civil liberties with this as well manageable. I do not agree with removing similarities because you cannot manage children I have a child and I was able to stop smoking cigarettes this way. I am irate and very angry that marijuana is OK but this is not? I'm so angry this is the only thing that helped me stop smoking. Not using a nicotine flavor breaks the association and then you want to smoke the non-nicotine flavor and then you win are you are making me unable to mitigate and heavy smoking cessation plan. As an adult you're removing my civil liberties with this as well manageable. I do not agree with removing similarities because you cannot manage children I have a child able to stop smoking cigarettes this way. I am irate very angry about the marijuana is OK but this is not? I'm not OK with us just like I wouldn't be OK with you saying that people who eat sugar because it's bad for you should go to jail as well. Why not outlaw cigarettes and everything else that is harmful to children because it's all available and accessible when you go into a bar there's TV and commercials that are inappropriate for children it's everywhere this is ridiculous and obviously politically driven and I will never vote for any of you and be extremely vocal about it on my social media

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