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I am here pleading for your assistance to address issues related to e-cigarettes, hookahs and flavoured tobacco (ehf) and youth. I need your help to save my generation from its harmful risks. And as a youth, I often forget to ask for help, from anybody, but today, I beg for it.

My generation is vulnerable and we are in trouble. We need guidance and protection from the drug related paraphernalia plaguing our communities. We need supports and we need you to make the right decision. We youth might not always equipped to make have these tough decisions. And many of my generation is "at risk", they have no support, no coping strategies and pent up emotions so making decisions gets even tougher! I see the kids at my school and will not stand and watch them ruin their health.

I am not an "at risk" youth. So why am I here speaking to you today? I am here because I care and to speak for those who are silent. I care because to me these kids are not just future clients, as tobacco industries see them, but these kids are my teammates, best friends and the ones I have seen at school every day for the past 9 years!

- They are silent because they do not know that they are being targeted by tobacco companies who are trying to create future addicted customers.
- They are silent because they don't know they should be afraid of the harmful effects of e-cigs and flavored tobacco-including Menthol
- They are silent because they don't know they shouldn't be able to access e-cigs at all!

So I ask you not to be silent:

- Add ehf to Tobacco Access Act and Smoke Free Places Act
- Publicize the harmful effects of smoking
- Implement strategies, policies and laws that will protect my friends and my generations

All in all, ehf normalize smoking and smoking should not, or have ever been, be "our" normal. My friends and I have the right to live our lives the way we choose, and hopefully smoke free. Our generation can contribute so much but we need your help. Please support this Bill that will ban the use of hookahs and waterpipes in public spaces, ban flavored products and reduce access to e-cigs. Because your silence could silence my generation.