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Subject: Opposition to Bill 60

My name is Marsha Kaczmarek and I was a smoking of tobacco cigarettes for 30 years. As a result of this I suffered severe Chronic Bronchitis and allergies constantly. I also was a sufferer of sleep apnea as a result of my tobacco usage. On March 24, 2014 I found the e-cigarette and have not had a tobacco cigarette since. Along with not having used tobacco since then I no longer suffer from bronchitis, allergies or sleep apnea. In reverse to that, I sleep better, have more energy and feel alive again, as I should at only 44 years of age. Might I add, I am a health care professional also and I know the extreme risks of using tobacco and also that no studies have shown any risks even closely related to tobacco cigarettes as a result of the use of an e-cigarette or the e-liquids used in them.

I know what the products are that make up the juices that are made in Canada. They include the following:

1. Propylene Glycol (a colorless organic liquid) found in asthma inhalers, toothpaste, beer, salad dressing, baking mixtures, etc.
2. Vegetable Glycerin (listed as glycerin on food labels) found in drinks that contain chocolate, milk, yogurt, cocoa and eggnog, sports drinks, beer, wine, marshmallows, mustard, vinegar, cereal, pasta, batters
3. Flavoring - naturals extracts used in cooking sold at most retail grocers and in every food that has a flavor
4. Nicotine as would be found in tomatoes, eggplant, potatoes, cauliflower, green peppers, tea

Given that information and also the fact that every single one of these ingredients is in foods we eat and beverages we consume, how can this be classified under the tobacco act? Do you consider the food on your table, the products you use and the beverages you drink a cigarette or tobacco product? I certainly don't!

E-cigarettes are no more like 'regular' cigarettes than Nicorette or other products. E-cigarettes have enable tobacco smokers to switch to a less harmful modality.

The benefits overwhelmingly demand closer scrutiny. Why anti-smoking/vaping advocates are spearheading the march against such technology is beyond reason. Not one single case of harm nor death from electronic cigarettes is recorded while millions will die from smoking a legal product – which funds much of this biased and questionable stand against smokers/vapers who use electronic cigarettes. That is no longer acceptable.

If you care about your position in parliament that you were voted into by the people, you need to support the people and put a stop to Bill 60 being passed. We need your assistance in being our voice you were elected to be. We the people are the primary stakeholders here. We are not the tobacco industry nor do we represent them. We have been trying to break away from cigarettes and we have succeeded with innovative technology....that works. There is no smoking involved. It has been proven and declared by leading scientist and doctors and even Tobacco activist to be by multitudes safer than smoking tobacco cigarettes. Where's the problem? It seems to be within a

stigmatized ideology of "quit or die" mentality now adopted by the WHO. This is NOT acceptable any longer.

We have been unfairly treated by the same anti-smoke advocates who proclaimed to be fighting the tobacco industry while reaping the monetary gain from smokers via increased taxing of the only consumer product taxed at extreme levels beyond any other consumer product. We claim "Foul Play" and "Unfair" discrimination. You cannot expect to disregard the very people who pay you to protect their health to stand still while you now attempt to remove and restrict their own solution to harm reduction. Putting it all very simply, we the people are being bullied by the government that we put into place and it needs to stop right now!

Sincerely,

Marsha Kaczmarek