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Subject: Against the Bill 60 Amendment For E-cigarettes
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I have written a letter with my position on Bill 60. I feel strongly that my voice needs to be heard and I hope this will help accomplish this.

Please see the attached letter.

I thank you in advance for your time and effort,

Megan Dempsey

October 25, 2014

Dear Sir or Madame,

I wish to speak against the new legislation in regards to e-cigarettes and waterpipes, and flavoured tobacco under the province's tobacco legislation. I do agree with the ban on using these devices in public space, as it is in my opinion a common courtesy to those who do not wish to be around them. I also agree with the age restrictions on selling these products to minors.

I do not agree with the statement in the "Amendments to Tobacco Legislation Introduced" document which can be found online at <http://novascotia.ca/news/release/?id=20141024003>. In the document it claims that, "*Research shows the health risks from using waterpipes are similar to using other types of tobacco.*" They do not list where the research is coming from nor what the health risks are. In high quality e-juices (the liquid used in the electronic cigarettes) there are usually a limited amount of ingredients which generally include propylene glycol, vegetable glycerine, flavouring (natural and artificial) and for those who want a strength of nicotine.

Propylene glycol is an organic, clear, nearly odourless and faintly sweet tasting liquid. It has many uses and is regularly used in the food chain. Some items that contain propylene glycol are Breyer's Fat Free Creamy Vanilla Ice cream, Corona Beer, gummy bears and in cosmetics. Some of these items are ingested on a daily basis around the world. It is used when products still want to maintain a semi soft or pliable texture. In e-juice it provides the user with the feel of the vapour in their mouth.

Vegetable glycerine is also a clear, odourless liquid with a multitude of uses and is widely used in pharmaceuticals. It is used in many tooth pastes, cough syrups, mouthwash, skin care products, shaving cream, hair care products, soaps and water-based personal lubricants. As a food additive, glycerol is labeled as E number E422. It can also be used in artificial sweeteners. Just like propylene glycol it helps maintain a softer, more pliable texture in some products. In e-juice it provides the cloud or vapour.

As for the artificial and natural flavours, those are found in basically every ingestible product out on the market. It is a thought that having these different flavours available will attract children to want to use them. I, as an adult enjoy great tasting items. I love the different and often multi tonal tastes that are available in the e-juices. They allow me to get a taste of a flavour without ingesting the food product, which I find helpful for my weight loss. I currently do not nor have ever smoked a regular cigarette or cigar. These do not appeal to me due to the numerous chemicals that are known and confirmed carcinogenic materials. Vaping, the act of use a personal vaporizer does appeal to me however. I recently became a "vaper" earlier this month. I can attest to the difference in a smoker who has made the change from smoking regular cigarettes to electronic vaporizing. I live with a person who has made the change. I have seen an improvement in sleeping and breathing. Not to mention the lack of smell radiating from them. It is now pleasant to be around them.

Tobacco products are a government regulated commodity, in how it is produced, sold and to whom it is sold to. I believe the real reason behind the ban is strictly on the loss of revenue that

the government would be experiencing on actual cigarette and tobacco sales as electronic cigarettes continue to become more widely used.

I sincerely hope that this bill will be re-evaluated and have input by the electronic cigarette vendors and businesses. It appears to me that this is a very poorly understood and underrepresented business sector.

Thank you for your time in this matter,

Megan Dempsey

