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**Subject:** Re: Bill 60

Good morning.

I wanted to send you one last email to again urge you to **vote No on Bill 60**.

It has probably become clear to you that there are two very different "camps" when it comes to the issue of e-cigarettes. By voting yes to Bill 60, you make it clear which camp you are on.

But a No vote does not mean you have changed camps.

As an MLA, I would not expect you to have a full understanding of the potential benefits and risks of e-cigarettes. There is quite a bit of information to absorb and developing a real understanding of the issues takes time. If you are provided only the negatives, or if facts are distorted to appear more important than they really are, you may easily jump to the wrong conclusion. I also understand that a non-smoker can quickly and easily form an opinion on e-cigarettes based on a "gut-feeling". I fear that this is what is happening in the Nova Scotia Legislature. Evidence is being ignored, facts distorted and peoples "gut-feelings" are guiding their decision.

This is what the evidence shows:

- E-cigarettes are not tobacco.
- E-cigarettes are not smoking cessation devices.
- E-cigarettes are a vastly safer alternative to tobacco cigarettes.
- The level of risk with e-cigarette use is vastly lower compared to tobacco cigarettes.
- Many smokers are able to switch to e-cigarettes and reduce the potential health impacts of smoking as a result.

- Rates of non-smokers using e-cigarettes is extremely low.
- E-cigarettes have never been shown to cause tobacco cigarette addiction.

If you disagree with the above, I would hope that your disagreement is based on thoughtful research, absent of preconceived ideas and ideology. If it is not, then your only option is to **vote No to Bill 60** to allow yourself the time required to do the proper research.

Your **No Vote on Bill 60** does not mean you have switched camps, it simply means you need more time to learn about the issues. Nobody would blame you for that. It's the right thing to do. This is what you were elected for. Your constituents deserve nothing less.

Do the right thing and **Vote No on Bill 60**.

Thank you,

Stanley Pijl