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Attention: Members of the Law Amendments Committee

I am against Bill 60. **Please do not ban flavoured e-juice.** The logic behind banning flavoured e-juice is flawed.

I am an individual that currently vapes. I have been vaping for 17 months now and have been cigarette free for that entire time. Prior to vaping I would smoke 3/4 to a full pack a day. Vaping has improved my quality of life dramatically. I no longer have the smokers cough, I breath easier, I no longer stink of tobacco, food tastes better, I found that I am even less susceptible to getting colds in the winter, and many other benefits. Before I switched to vaping I read as much as I could about it, I was apprehensive at first. The more I read, and every time I could find any study regarding it's safety, the more comfortable I felt about it. Finally making the decision to switch to vaping has been one of the best decisions I could have made, and I am healthier for it.

One of the biggest fears this bill plays on is the fear that the flavourings will somehow attract children to the products and introduce them to nicotine as if it would be a stepping stone to tobacco use. If this is a real and true fear (which I do not believe) then how do they explain the acceptance of all of the candy flavoured and fruit flavoured alcohol? If they think the flavoured e-juice and tobacco is an attractant, then they must also think the same about those flavoured alcoholic beverages, it is only logical.

If they ban the flavoured e-juice and tobacco, then in good conscience, must they not also ban the use of flavoured alcoholic beverages? I mean they have licorice, fruit, vanilla, mint, lemonade, and many other flavours available in alcoholic beverages. If this bill is approved and made law to ban flavoured e-juice, then I as a citizen of Nova Scotia demand that all flavoured alcohol be banned as well for the very same reasons. I mean we would not want our children being attracted to alcohol at a young age, exposing them to the risk of becoming alcoholics, destroying their health, driving while intoxicated and possibly crippling or killing one of our loved ones.

In essence where is the real issue here? What is the real agenda? If we can allow flavoured alcohol and enforce the laws regarding under-age drinking, why can't we also accept flavoured e-juice and just simply make sure the laws regarding under-age use are enforced, such as they are for drinking? The only reason we could not accept that, in my opinion, is out of a fear that it would not be enforced, well that is not the fault of flavoured e-juice, that is the fault of the enforcement not enforcing it.

Or is there another agenda at play here? In the end, as a former smoker who found an escape from the prison of cigarettes through vaping, why do you want to make it harder for me to keep vaping and being healthier than I would be as a smoker? Why do you want to condemn me back to smoking, which I believe I would should I lose my vaping options?

If any of you would wish to speak with me, a citizen of Nova Scotia, further please feel free to contact me. I am very interested in hearing your comments in response to my statements, and as a concerned citizen of the province of Nova Scotia, I believe I deserve to hear them.

Thank you,

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