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To: Rep. Pete Higgins; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Benjamin Nageak; Rep. Lance Pruitt; Rep. Lora Reinbold; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Geran Tarr; Julie Morris
Subject: HB 360, please vote no!

Hello,

I just read HB 360 and would encourage you to vote no or amend the bill to not include E-cigarettes in the definition of smoking. I am a resident of Alaska and this issue is important to me, I will attempt to keep this brief as I know how valuable all your time is. Below are few of my reasons, feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like sources to claims.

1. I would not have been able to quit smoking without E-cigarettes, they are a safe, cheap and effective way to quite smoking real cigarettes.
2. The main reason to ban smoking indoors is negative impact on health and nuisance of smell. E-Cigarettes have neither of this.
3. No harmful chemicals have been found is second hand "e-smoke" and the smell does not linger for more than a few seconds. There is also the option of using them so that no "smoke" is visible.
4. Its not very republican or Alaskan to put small business owners at risk. Banning E-cigarettes indoors would put many of the E-cigarette or "vapor lounges" out of business. being able to test a product is an absolute to being able to sell it.
5. It is not very republican or Alaskan to further regulation and to take the right to choose out of the hands of business owners. Places should have the right to choose to allow or disallow the use of E-cigarettes indoors.
6. Banning REAL cigarettes indoors but not further regulating E-cigarettes would show smokers that their is an effective and safe alternative to smoking. Banning E-cigarettes would not help people quit.

Thank you for listening to me and again feel free to contact me if you have any questions about E-cigarettes, their use, terminology or anything else.

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