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I would like to make clear my opinion on the HB360 which is being proposed to ban e-cigs.

I am turning 48 this year. I started smoking in the air force at age 17.

4 years ago I found what I consider to be a God send when I smoked my first E-cig. I have never again had a normal cigarette. My body is becoming healthier, and for someone like me who is disabled and had Hepatitis C, this is important.

I had tried before to quit smoking, and even called the state help line and was given patches and such. However I am allergic to adhesives, and the other quit nicotine devices just did not work. The patches that I did try even though they made my skin itch also did not work.

After watching me for two years my husband too has been able to successfully transfer over to e-cigs. We no longer have to worry about the other 5000 chemicals in normal cigarettes made by the big tobacco industries.

Last year my mother had a heart attack in Texas and died 3 times, before I could make it there. When I did get there she was in ICU on life support, and I sat beside her bed and was allowed in ICU to use my e-cig. Which she now since her recovery as switched to.

My local doctor even tried my e-cig and was very impressed, along with the pharmacist which admitted to me he tells all his friends.

E-cigs have been a life saver. There is no doubt in my mind that without them I'd still have my 2 pack a day habit.

There is no secondhand smoke to worry about, as it's vapor not smoke which if I choose I can make no escape my mouth, so people don't even see it.

The vapor is really no different than the smoke (or fog) machines used at concerts.

People have pushed smoker really far to give up cigarettes because of secondhand smoke. Which we have tried to comply with. Now that we have found an alternative that puts no one at risk, that too is being attacked?

This sounds more like a control issue instead of a health issue which was claimed with normal cigarettes. In a day and age when so many states are thinking or making Marijuana legal, isn't it a step backwards to outlaw e-cigs?

Yet look how many drunks kill or injure people every year, yet alcohol is still legal. My e-cig hurts no one, and as an adult USA citizen it should be my choice what I put in my body.

If e-cigs are made illegal we will all end up going back to normal cigarettes, which really are harmful. I know that would make the big tobacco companies happy, but if a healthier America is what you are striving for, than don't make the huge mistake of outlawing e-cigs, which are contributing to the goal of a healthier America. To do so would just create a black market for them.

I realize that people are afraid of that which they don't know, which seems to be the case here. But so far it has been proven they are a much much safer alternative, and outlawing them would be taking 20 step backward to what the goal is for a healthier America. Not to mention it would absolutely cause all who have changed over to them to go right back to the unhealthy analog Cigarettes.

I really don't think you can say they are worse than alcohol, yet alcohol remains legal for those 21 and over, just as these should. Please help keep America free,
And stand up for my rights also, as you were voted to do so.

I am a registered voter. Thank you for your time,

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