

I am writing to you today to ask you to reconsider SB 209. There are several flaws with this bill, but the biggest flaw is grouping electronic cigarettes in with this smoking ban.

The information that was passed out to each of you is full of mis-information, or half truths. I know that your time is very valuable and sometimes it's not easy to do your own research and sometimes it's just easier to take everything at face value. So, I have a couple of links that I would like for you to consider. I have many many many more if you would like them.

This study, done in 2012 shows that in fact, the vapor emitted by electronic cigarettes is, in fact, far far safer than traditional tobacco cigarettes.

[http://clearstream.flavourart.it/site/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/CSA\\_ItaEng.pdf](http://clearstream.flavourart.it/site/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/CSA_ItaEng.pdf)

This study was released in January of 2013. By Drexel University.

Here is this abstract:

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/14/18/abstract>

Here is the complete study:

<http://publichealth.drexel.edu/~media/Files/publichealth/ms08.pdf>

Electronic cigarettes offer those of us that have smoked for years and tried to quit for each of those years a way out. A way out without the harmful side effects of pharmaceuticals and nicotine replacement therapies that don't work. All of which I have tried. I believe in electronic cigarettes so much that we cashed out our retirement, and opened a vape only store. This June will be our one year anniversary. I have watched people walk away from traditional cigarettes for good using electronic cigarettes.

Electronic cigarettes offer options to those that chose to use them. It's up to each individual to choose the battery, the tank system, the flavor of e-liquid, the nicotine strength. In our store, we have watched people drop down their nicotine levels to 0 and eventually stop vaping all together. They do this without going back to cigarettes. We celebrate every customer that does this. It's very liberating for the individual and very rewarding for us as a business owner. It seems backwards, but it's true.

The reason electronic cigarettes work is BECAUSE of the options. Most reputable vape shops are set up so that customer can try the products before they buy them. Taste is subjective. What one person likes another one will not. Finding a delivery system and flavors that you like are key to being successful in the journey to escape the tobacco addiction. If this bill is passed, the options can not be explored by those wanting to get away from cigarettes. This bill will literally put most shops out of business. How can we customize each electronic cigarette for each individual if they are not allowed to try it in store?

My store made a profit in January and February and it's looking like March will continue the trend. This means that our business will pay taxes on those profits. I have no problem doing that. But if my store is forced to close because of a state wide smoking ban that includes electronic cigarettes, I will have a problem in NOT paying future taxes on profits that are not there because of a forced closure.

I truly believe that it should remain up to businesses whether they allowing smoking or vaping in their establishment.

Thank your for your time.

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