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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing in support of House Bill 40 (HB40), as introduced by Representative Bob Herron.

We strongly support prohibiting the use of Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS or E-Cigs) in places open to the public and places of employment. We support inclusion of E-Cigs in the definition of "tobacco product" and "smoke or smoking" in the smoke-free workplace law, and to prohibit the use of E-cigs in the places where smoking is prohibited. Including electronic smoking devices will protect the public from involuntary exposure to psychoactive substances and health effects thereof, both known and unknown.

HB40 is the first step to protecting employees and the public from inadvertent exposure to nicotine and other chemicals and poisons. E-Cigs are not FDA approved smoking cessation devices and do not emit harmless water vapor. Studies have found formaldehyde, benzene and tobacco-specific nitrosamines (a carcinogen) coming from the secondhand emissions from e-cigarettes. Nicotine levels due to secondhand aerosol exposure have been found to be equivalent to those exposed to secondhand smoke.

The standard must be clean air, free of both smoke and aerosol.

Sincerely,

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