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I would first like to apologize for sending my first testimony twice. This is the one I meant send.

Good Afternoon My name is Alison Halpin and I am testifying to oppose HB304. I am testifying as a liquid manufacturer, a vape shop manager, and as a consumer. With this proposed tax I will be effected heavily. First I will be taxed for manufacturing liquid for sale in this state, then I will be taxed at the retail location I run, and my wages are based off of the profitability of said location, and finally I will have to pay a higher retail price for the liquid I purchase because of this tax. This tax will decimate an industry in this state that is helping people get off of cigarettes. I myself quit smoking three years ago using a personalized vaporizer, and I have been able to help countless others also quit smoking. With this tax the state will be making this life saving product unreasonable to purchase locally. This tax will push customers to online retailers. You will see our opponents time and time again throw kids in front of you to discuss vaping in jr. high and high schools. Remember, Vape shops are the first line of defense against underage Vaping.

In regards
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