From:	Susan Wallen
Sent:	Sunday, March 20, 2016 10:28 AM
To:	Senate Finance Committee
Subject:	FW: SB1

-----Original Message-----

From: Alison Halpin [mailto:halpinan@yahoo.com] Sent: Friday, March 18, 2016 10:33 AM

To: Sen. Click Bishop <Sen.Click.Bishop@akleg.gov>; Sen. John Coghill <Sen.John.Coghill@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mia Costello <Sen.Mia.Costello@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mike Dunleavy <Sen.Mike.Dunleavy@akleg.gov>; Sen. Dennis Egan <Sen.Dennis.Egan@akleg.gov>; Sen. Johnny Ellis <Sen.Johnny.Ellis@akleg.gov>; Sen. Berta Gardner <Sen.Berta.Gardner@akleg.gov>; Sen. Cathy Giessel <Sen.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>; Sen. Lyman Hoffman

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My name is Alison Halpin and I reside in Anchorage Alaska. I am asking you to amend this bill to allow the use of personalized vaporizers in vapor shops through out the state. There have been several independent studies done to provide proof that vaping is not harmful to others. Public health england has a report as well showing the health benefits of switching from traditional cigarettes. The vapor shops in this state provide education on this life changing alternative. This bill is government over reach and is infringing on human rights for all. I have a right to choose as an adult, and so does every adult in this state. Once again I urge you to allow vaping in vapor shops. Alison Halpin

From:	Susan Wallen
Sent:	Sunday, March 20, 2016 10:27 AM
<b>To:</b>	Senate Finance Committee
Subject:	FW: As written

From: Kenneth Martin [mailto:vapememore@gmail.com] Sent: Friday, March 18, 2016 7:50 PM

To: Sen. Click Bishop <Sen.Click.Bishop@akleg.gov>; Sen. John Coghill <Sen.John.Coghill@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mia Costello <Sen.Mia.Costello@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mike Dunleavy <Sen.Mike.Dunleavy@akleg.gov>; Sen. Dennis Egan <Sen.Dennis.Egan@akleg.gov>; Sen. Johnny Ellis <Sen.Johnny.Ellis@akleg.gov>; Sen. Berta Gardner <Sen.Berta.Gardner@akleg.gov>; Sen. Cathy Giessel <Sen.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>; Sen. Lyman Hoffman <Sen.Lyman.Hoffman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Charlie Huggins <Sen.Charlie.Huggins@akleg.gov>; Sen. Pete Kelly <Sen.Pete.Kelly@akleg.gov>; Sen. Anna MacKinnon <Sen.Anna.MacKinnon@akleg.gov>; Sen. Lesil McGuire <Sen.Lesil.McGuire@akleg.gov>; Sen. Kevin Meyer <Sen.Kevin.Meyer@akleg.gov>; Sen. Peter Micciche <Sen.Peter.Micciche@akleg.gov>; Sen. Donny Olson <Sen.Donny.Olson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bert Stedman <Sen.Bert.Stedman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Gary Stevens <Sen.Gary.Stevens@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bill Wielechowski <Sen.Bill.Wielechowski@akleg.gov>

It is no longer a speculating game, vaping is saving lives. The current bill (SB1) as written is putting jobs and lives of Alaskans at risk.

I would ask at this time for the wording reflect the facts, thereby exempting vape shops from this bill. Vaping in stores is what makes the business. Its like teat driving a car before the purchase. You would not buy it without that test drive, why endanger and limit the lives that are being saved?, vape shops are exempt. with respect, Kenneth Martin

From:	Susan Wallen
Sent:	Sunday, March 20, 2016 10:27 AM
To:	Senate Finance Committee
Subject:	FW: Please oppose SB 1

-----Original Message-----

From: Bill [mailto:joellebill@yahoo.com]

Sent: Saturday, March 19, 2016 12:41 PM

To: Sen. Click Bishop <Sen.Click.Bishop@akleg.gov>; Sen. John Coghill <Sen.John.Coghill@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mia Costello <Sen.Mia.Costello@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mike Dunleavy <Sen.Mike.Dunleavy@akleg.gov>; Sen. Dennis Egan <Sen.Dennis.Egan@akleg.gov>; Sen. Johnny Ellis <Sen.Johnny.Ellis@akleg.gov>; Sen. Berta Gardner <Sen.Berta.Gardner@akleg.gov>; Sen. Cathy Giessel <Sen.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>; Sen. Lyman Hoffman <Sen.Lyman.Hoffman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Charlie Huggins <Sen.Charlie.Huggins@akleg.gov>; Sen. Pete Kelly <Sen.Pete.Kelly@akleg.gov>; Sen. Anna MacKinnon <Sen.Anna.MacKinnon@akleg.gov>; Sen. Lesil McGuire <Sen.Lesil.McGuire@akleg.gov>; Sen. Kevin Meyer <Sen.Kevin.Meyer@akleg.gov>; Sen. Peter Micciche <Sen.Peter.Micciche@akleg.gov>; Sen. Donny Olson <Sen.Donny.Olson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bert Stedman <Sen.Bert.Stedman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bill Wielechowski <Sen.Bill.Wielechowski@akleg.gov> Subject: Please oppose SB 1

Please oppose SB1. It is a clear over reach of government regulation. It can affect home businesses & what people can do in their homes. Under this bill I can have a camp fire in a state park but can not use my vaporizer nor have anyone smoke by an open fire which clearly puts out smoke. Under this bill I would not even be able to try new vapor favors in my local vape shop. This is how I got off combustible tobacco products. Getting off tobacco will save me & the state long term health care costs. Thank you for taking the time to read my email. Joelle Miller

Sent from my iPhone

From: Susan Wallen	
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2016 10:2	7 AM
To:Senate Finance Committee	
Subject: FW: SB1	

#### From: mark massera [mailto:AK\_PALADIN@hotmail.com] Sent: Friday, March 18, 2016 5:50 PM

To: Sen. Click Bishop <Sen.Click.Bishop@akleg.gov>; Sen. John Coghill <Sen.John.Coghill@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mia Costello <Sen.Mia.Costello@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mike Dunleavy <Sen.Mike.Dunleavy@akleg.gov>; Sen. Dennis Egan <Sen.Dennis.Egan@akleg.gov>; Sen. Johnny Ellis <Sen.Johnny.Ellis@akleg.gov>; Sen. Berta Gardner <Sen.Berta.Gardner@akleg.gov>; Sen. Cathy Giessel <Sen.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>; Sen. Lyman Hoffman <Sen.Lyman.Hoffman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Charlie Huggins <Sen.Charlie.Huggins@akleg.gov>; Sen. Pete Kelly <Sen.Pete.Kelly@akleg.gov>; Sen. Anna MacKinnon <Sen.Anna.MacKinnon@akleg.gov>; Sen. Lesil McGuire <Sen.Lesil.McGuire@akleg.gov>; Sen. Kevin Meyer <Sen.Kevin.Meyer@akleg.gov>; Sen. Peter Micciche <Sen.Peter.Micciche@akleg.gov>; Sen. Donny Olson <Sen.Donny.Olson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bert Stedman <Sen.Bert.Stedman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Gary Stevens <Sen.Gary.Stevens@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bill Stoltze <Sen.Bill.Stoltze@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bill Wielechowski <Sen.Bill.Wielechowski@akleg.gov>

#### Dear Senator,

My name is Mark Massera and I am writing you about SB1. I do not want to take up to much of your time so i will make this short. Vape shops/E Cig stores, should be exempt from SB1. All studies have shown that vaping for bystanders is healthier than breathing the air in some big cities and it is no comparison to smoke from tobacco products. Vaping has helped me get off tobacco products and personally i can tell you my health has improved. I urge you to keep vaping exempt from SB1. Thank you for your time.

From:	Sen. Anna MacKinnon
Sent:	Sunday, March 20, 2016 10:23 AM
To:	Senate Finance Committee
Subject:	FW: SB1

From: agoldenrose@gmail.com [mailto:agoldenrose@gmail.com] On Behalf Of Jennifer Ferdinand Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2016 9:57 AM

To: Sen. Click Bishop <Sen.Click.Bishop@akleg.gov>; Sen. John Coghill <Sen.John.Coghill@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mia Costello <Sen.Mia.Costello@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mike Dunleavy <Sen.Mike.Dunleavy@akleg.gov>; Sen. Dennis Egan <Sen.Dennis.Egan@akleg.gov>; Sen. Johnny Ellis <Sen.Johnny.Ellis@akleg.gov>; Sen. Berta Gardner <Sen.Berta.Gardner@akleg.gov>; Sen. Cathy Giessel <Sen.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>; Sen. Lyman Hoffman <Sen.Lyman.Hoffman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Charlie Huggins <Sen.Charlie.Huggins@akleg.gov>; Sen. Pete Kelly <Sen.Pete.Kelly@akleg.gov>; Sen. Anna MacKinnon <Sen.Anna.MacKinnon@akleg.gov>; Sen. Lesil McGuire <Sen.Lesil.McGuire@akleg.gov>; Sen. Kevin Meyer <Sen.Kevin.Meyer@akleg.gov>; Sen. Peter Micciche <Sen.Peter.Micciche@akleg.gov>; Sen. Donny Olson <Sen.Donny.Olson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bert Stedman <Sen.Bert.Stedman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Gary Stevens <Sen.Gary.Stevens@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bill Stoltze <Sen.Bill.Stoltze@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bill Wielechowski <Sen.Bill.Wielechowski@akleg.gov>

I am writing to ask reconsideration of SB1. I smoked for over 25 years, 18 mg of nicotine tobacco cigarettes and it was only due to vaping that I've been tobacco free and down to 1.5 mgs of nicotine for the past two years.

As a consumer, I can tell you the aid of vape shops, finding a flavor that could pull me away from the lure of a tobacco cigarette was key, as well as the vaporizer used. Allowing patrons to go into a vape shop, test equipment, find a flavor they appeals to them enough to be a deterrent to the return to tobacco is imperative.

One - this will keep vape shops open. If people of adult age aren't able to test equipment, flavors, products - this will eventually slow traffic down to the vape shop and lead to closure.

Two - with the vape shops, you are helping create small businesses that help the economy as well as the health of your residents who are seeking a tobacco free alternative.

Three - you help the health of your residents. If they are able to move away from highly carcinogenic tobacco cigarettes with the aid of vape shop employees helping find the right vaporizer and flavoring, you lower your medical costs paid out by the state.

Please reconsider SB1 and help keep small business alive, improve your economy, improve the health of residents.

Thank you,

Jennifer Ferdinand

From:	Sen. Anna MacKinnon
Sent:	Sunday, March 20, 2016 10:14 AM
То:	Senate Finance Committee
Subject:	FW: SB 174 - please support

From: James R Dailey [mailto:jrdailey@acsalaska.net]

Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2016 8:24 PM

To: Sen. Kevin Meyer <Sen.Kevin.Meyer@akleg.gov>; Sen. John Coghill <Sen.John.Coghill@akleg.gov>; Sen. Berta Gardner <Sen.Berta.Gardner@akleg.gov>; Sen. Click Bishop <Sen.Click.Bishop@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mia Costello <Sen.Mia.Costello@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mike Dunleavy <Sen.Mike.Dunleavy@akleg.gov>; Sen. Dennis Egan <Sen.Dennis.Egan@akleg.gov>; Sen. Johnny Ellis <Sen.Johnny.Ellis@akleg.gov>; Sen. Cathy Giessel <Sen.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>; Sen. Lyman Hoffman <Sen.Lyman.Hoffman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Anna MacKinnon <Sen.Anna.MacKinnon@akleg.gov>; Sen. Charlie Huggins <Sen.Charlie.Huggins@akleg.gov>; Sen. Pete Kelly <Sen.Pete.Kelly@akleg.gov>; Sen. Lesil McGuire <Sen.Lesil.McGuire@akleg.gov>; Sen. Peter Micciche <Sen.Peter.Micciche@akleg.gov>; Sen. Donny Olson <Sen.Donny.Olson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bert Stedman <Sen.Bert.Stedman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Gary Stevens <Sen.Gary.Stevens@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bill Wielechowski <Sen.Bill.Wielechowski@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bill Wielechowski <Sen.Bill.Wielechowski@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bill Stoltze <Sen.Bill.Stoltze@akleg.gov>

Alaska Senators,

As a UAA alum and former student body president at Kenai Peninsula College, I urge your SUPPORT of SB 174.

I am a Registered Republican and super voter.

Thanks,

James R Dailey

PO Box 930 Sterling, AK 99672 907-398-4374 866-861-3448 Toll Free Fax

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From:	Sen. Anna MacKinnon
Sent:	Sunday, March 20, 2016 10:11 AM
<b>To:</b>	Senate Finance Committee
Subject:	FW: SB1

#### From: Danny Ruerup [mailto:danny.ruerup@gmail.com] Sent: Friday, March 18, 2016 9:22 AM

To: Sen. Click Bishop <Sen.Click.Bishop@akleg.gov>; Sen. John Coghill <Sen.John.Coghill@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mia Costello <Sen.Mia.Costello@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mike Dunleavy <Sen.Mike.Dunleavy@akleg.gov>; Sen. Dennis Egan <Sen.Dennis.Egan@akleg.gov>; Sen. Johnny Ellis <Sen.Johnny.Ellis@akleg.gov>; Sen. Berta Gardner <Sen.Berta.Gardner@akleg.gov>; Sen. Cathy Giessel <Sen.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>; Sen. Lyman Hoffman <Sen.Lyman.Hoffman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Charlie Huggins <Sen.Charlie.Huggins@akleg.gov>; Sen. Pete Kelly <Sen.Pete.Kelly@akleg.gov>; Sen. Anna MacKinnon <Sen.Anna.MacKinnon@akleg.gov>; Sen. Lesil McGuire <Sen.Lesil.McGuire@akleg.gov>; Sen. Kevin Meyer <Sen.Kevin.Meyer@akleg.gov>; Sen. Peter Micciche <Sen.Peter.Micciche@akleg.gov>; Sen. Donny Olson <Sen.Donny.Olson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bert Stedman <Sen.Bert.Stedman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Gary Stevens <Sen.Gary.Stevens@akleg.gov>

My name is Danny Ruerup and I am writing to urge you to reconsider some of the wording in SB1. The vape shops that have sent up in Alaska are local business men and women, that keep their money in the state. This bill would destroy these local businesses and make it impossible for them to continue. Residents of Alaska will not stop vaping because the shops are gone they will simply order online and send their money out of state. I have been cigarette few for two years with the aid of a vaporizer, and the ability to go to local shops and sample their products. Please do not take that away from me and the thousands of Alaskan residents that have found this method to be safer. Thank you for your time.

From: Sent: To:	Sen. Anna MacKinnon Sunday, March 20, 2016 10:11 AM
Subject:	Senate Finance Committee FW: SB1

From: Rebecca Collins [mailto:spotlight2k@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, March 18, 2016 9:43 AM

To: Sen. Click Bishop <Sen.Click.Bishop@akleg.gov>; Sen. John Coghill <Sen.John.Coghill@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mia Costello <Sen.Mia.Costello@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mike Dunleavy <Sen.Mike.Dunleavy@akleg.gov>; Sen. Dennis Egan <Sen.Dennis.Egan@akleg.gov>; Sen. Johnny Ellis <Sen.Johnny.Ellis@akleg.gov>; Sen. Berta Gardner <Sen.Berta.Gardner@akleg.gov>; Sen. Cathy Giessel <Sen.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>; Sen. Lyman Hoffman <Sen.Lyman.Hoffman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Charlie Huggins <Sen.Charlie.Huggins@akleg.gov>; Sen. Pete Kelly <Sen.Pete.Kelly@akleg.gov>; Sen. Anna MacKinnon <Sen.Anna.MacKinnon@akleg.gov>; Sen. Lesil McGuire <Sen.Lesil.McGuire@akleg.gov>; Sen. Kevin Meyer <Sen.Kevin.Meyer@akleg.gov>; Sen. Peter Micciche <Sen.Peter.Micciche@akleg.gov>; Sen. Donny Olson <Sen.Donny.Olson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bert Stedman <Sen.Bert.Stedman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Gary Stevens <Sen.Gary.Stevens@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bill Stoltze <Sen.Bill.Stoltze@akleg.gov>; Senator.Bill.Wielechowski@akleg.go

Please exempt the vape shops from SB1.

All the recent studies of ecigs are coming out in favor as a great way to quit smoking and is so much better than smoking cigarettes.

One example : <u>http://www.statebudgetsolutions.org/publications/detail/e-cigarettes-poised-to-save-medicaid-billions</u>

Thank you,

Rebecca Collins

907-244-3324

From:	Sen. Anna MacKinnon
Sent:	Sunday, March 20, 2016 10:10 AM
	Senate Finance Committee
Subject:	FW: Senate Bill 1

# From: Richard Jones [mailto:richardjjonesjr@outlook.com]

#### Sent: Friday, March 18, 2016 10:25 AM

To: Sen. Click Bishop <Sen.Click.Bishop@akleg.gov>; Sen. John Coghill <Sen.John.Coghill@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mia Costello
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Subject: Senate Bill 1

I believe Vape shops should be completely exempt from Senate Bill 1. Studies have shown the the Vapor emitted from e-cigarettes are less harmful than that of traditional tobacco cigarettes and also less harmful than the air we breath in major cities. I believe if shops are included in SB1 that it will have negative effects on small local business as well as push people back to smoking cigarettes again.

From:	Sen. Anna MacKinnon
Sent:	Sunday, March 20, 2016 10:09 AM
То;	Senate Finance Committee
Subject:	FW: Vaping

From: Michael Miranda [mailto:mikesster04@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, March 18, 2016 10:59 AM

To: Sen. Click Bishop <Sen.Click.Bishop@akleg.gov>; Sen. John Coghill <Sen.John.Coghill@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mia Costello <Sen.Mia.Costello@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mike Dunleavy <Sen.Mike.Dunleavy@akleg.gov>; Sen. Dennis Egan <Sen.Dennis.Egan@akleg.gov>; Sen. Johnny Ellis <Sen.Johnny.Ellis@akleg.gov>; Sen. Berta Gardner <Sen.Berta.Gardner@akleg.gov>; Sen. Cathy Giessel <Sen.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>; Sen. Lyman Hoffman <Sen.Lyman.Hoffman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Charlie Huggins <Sen.Charlie.Huggins@akleg.gov>; Sen. Pete Kelly <Sen.Pete.Kelly@akleg.gov>; Sen. Anna MacKinnon <Sen.Anna.MacKinnon@akleg.gov>; Sen. Lesil McGuire <Sen.Lesil.McGuire@akleg.gov>; Sen. Kevin Meyer <Sen.Kevin.Meyer@akleg.gov>; Sen. Peter Micciche <Sen.Peter.Micciche@akleg.gov>; Sen. Donny Olson <Sen.Donny.Olson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bert Stedman <Sen.Bert.Stedman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Gary Stevens <Sen.Gary.Stevens@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bill Wielechowski <Sen.Bill.Wielechowski@akleg.gov>

Hello,

I've been following SB1 and I think vaping should not be classified as smoking. It simulates smoking, but not to sound like a broken record, it is healthier. As a former smoker who's been vaping for 2 years, I can workout harder, hike and run no problem now.

I work in a vape shop and it's nice to see people quit smoking and eventually quit vaping altogether since they no longer have a nicotine addiction.

One thing I'd like to see that is more enforced is minors trying to get everything e cigarette products. We're strict on checking ID'S, but they still try.

Thanks for your time and I hope you keep healthier alternatives and small alaska businesses in mind.

Michael Miranda

From:	Sen. Anna MacKinnon
Sent:	Sunday, March 20, 2016 10:08 AM
То:	Senate Finance Committee
Subject:	FW: Exemption of VAPE shops from SB1

-----Original Message-----

From: Aaron [mailto:aaroncardwell33@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, March 18, 2016 11:36 AM

To: Sen. Click Bishop <Sen.Click.Bishop@akleg.gov>; Sen. John Coghill <Sen.John.Coghill@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mia Costello <Sen.Mia.Costello@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mike Dunleavy <Sen.Mike.Dunleavy@akleg.gov>; Sen. Dennis Egan <Sen.Dennis.Egan@akleg.gov>; Sen. Johnny Ellis <Sen.Johnny.Ellis@akleg.gov>; Sen. Berta Gardner <Sen.Berta.Gardner@akleg.gov>; Sen. Cathy Giessel <Sen.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>; Sen. Lyman Hoffman <Sen.Lyman.Hoffman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Charlie Huggins <Sen.Charlie.Huggins@akleg.gov>; Sen. Pete Kelly <Sen.Pete.Kelly@akleg.gov>; Sen. Anna MacKinnon <Sen.Anna.MacKinnon@akleg.gov>; Sen. Lesil McGuire <Sen.Lesil.McGuire@akleg.gov>; Sen. Kevin Meyer <Sen.Kevin.Meyer@akleg.gov>; Sen. Peter Micciche <Sen.Peter.Micciche@akleg.gov>; Sen. Donny Olson <Sen.Donny.Olson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bert Stedman <Sen.Bert.Stedman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bill Wielechowski <Sen.Bill.Wielechowski@akleg.gov> Subject: Exemption of VAPE shops from SB1

Good morning.

I wanted to spend the time to express my concern about clumping Vape shops into SB1. Firstly, I would like to point out that I personally have been VAPING well over 6 year. And in those 6 years my over all wellbeing has improved. I have also seen many other lives drastically improve, some of which literally have been on their death Bed due to tobacco. Me along with many other Vapers will agree that, yes there does need to be some sort of regulation for vaping. But just clumping in in with tobacco is not the answer. It is not tobacco, it is not a pharmaceutical, honestly it is its own category. By regulating and taxing vaping as a tobacco product many shops will be forced to shut down. Many of which are small business. The vaping industry is young and growing, and mind you many of these shop owners owe there lives to vaping. It is their livelihood. Please consider exempting vape shops from SB1.

Thank you.

From:	Sen. Anna MacKinnon
Sent:	Sunday, March 20, 2016 10:08 AM
То:	Senate Finance Committee
Subject:	FW: Vape Store closures

From: Steven Mapes [mailto:mapesvapes@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, March 18, 2016 12:06 PM

To: Sen. Click Bishop <Sen.Click.Bishop@akleg.gov>; Sen. John Coghill <Sen.John.Coghill@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mia Costello <Sen.Mia.Costello@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mike Dunleavy <Sen.Mike.Dunleavy@akleg.gov>; Sen. Dennis Egan <Sen.Dennis.Egan@akleg.gov>; Sen. Johnny Ellis <Sen.Johnny.Ellis@akleg.gov>; Sen. Berta Gardner <Sen.Berta.Gardner@akleg.gov>; Sen. Cathy Giessel <Sen.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>; Sen. Lyman Hoffman <Sen.Lyman.Hoffman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Charlie Huggins <Sen.Charlie.Huggins@akleg.gov>; Sen. Pete Kelly <Sen.Pete.Kelly@akleg.gov>; Sen. Anna MacKinnon <Sen.Anna.MacKinnon@akleg.gov>; Sen. Lesil McGuire <Sen.Lesil.McGuire@akleg.gov>; Sen. Kevin Meyer <Sen.Kevin.Meyer@akleg.gov>; Sen. Peter Micciche <Sen.Peter.Micciche@akleg.gov>; Sen. Donny Olson <Sen.Donny.Olson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bert Stedman <Sen.Bert.Stedman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bill Wielechowski <Sen.Bill.Wielechowski@akleg.gov>

Good morning,

If SB1 is passed as it is written my vape shop will have to close.

This will put 2 of my employees out of a job.

The owner of this building (75 years old) is a none smoker and none vaper and he lives right above my shop, he says that he can not smell anything coming from my store. I have been in this building for 6 months now. There are several new studies that prove that vape does not have poisons in it and is not smoke.

Both of my parents died from lung cancer and that is why I started vaping.

Everybody that I sell vape gear and e-liquid to has quit smoking. They tell me they feel better than they have in years..

Please take the vape language out of this bill.

Steven Mapes

a non smoker, vape store owner, home owner, and a voter

From:	Sen. Anna MacKinnon
Sent:	Sunday, March 20, 2016 10:07 AM
То:	Senate Finance Committee
Subject:	FW: Please Oppose SB1

From: Alex McDonald [mailto:alex@icefogvapor.com]
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2016 1:25 PM
To: Sen. Pete Kelly <Sen.Pete.Kelly@akleg.gov>
Cc: Sen. Click Bishop <Sen.Click.Bishop@akleg.gov>; Sen. John Coghill <Sen.John.Coghill@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mia Costello
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Hello Senator Kelly,

My name is Alex McDonald owner of Ice Fog Vapor, Inc in Fairbanks, Alaska. I am writing today to oppose SB1. I have also copied your fellow Senators in this email so they can read this as well.

There are many issues that I have with this bill as written. First, it is a huge invasion of privacy into people's homes. I used to work in the disability field as both a Direct Care Provider and Case Management. I know there has been talk about an exemption for people that own their house and have staff come to their residence. However there are many people in group homes that do not own their own residence (by no choice of their own) and would have to be assisted 20 feet from the entrance to be able to vape or smoke. There are also many hard working Alaskan that have home businesses such a CPA's, mechanics, kennels etc that would fall under the smoke free workplace part of this bill. This bill would make their homes smoke free work places and dictate what they can and cannot do in their own homes. Alaska has a long history of respecting people's privacy and what they do in their own homes. This bill goes against that history, privacy and freedom of choice. This bill also strips a business owner choice to run a business as they wish. Yes, there is a clause in the bill for stand along tobacco or vapor shops but there is only one in the state and that is in the bill sponsors area.

This bill would also take away local choice for communities to regulate these products as they see fit. Alaska is a huge state and what works in one area may not work in others. Every other controlled substance is given local option in Alaska, what makes these products different? The bill states an employee designated by the commissioner may enforce the provisions; and also states that the citation may be issued regardless of whether the violation was committed in the designated employee's presence. This sounds like it would open the door for people being issued citations for non compliance without anyone actually seeing any violation, or give people the ability to report false claims. A major concern I have with this bill is the inclusion of vaporizers and electronic products. These products do not produce combustion, or any combustion by products of any kind. Public Health England reported "ecigarettes release negligible levels of nicotine into ambient air with no identified health risks to bystanders." This finding has also been reported by European Dr. Farsalinos in many of his studies. The Drexel University study, Peering through the mist, found "no apparent concern" for bystanders of people using electronic cigarettes even under "worse case" assumptions about exposure. The study "Characterization of chemicals released by electronic cigarette use: Is passive vaping a reality?" was concluded by saying that "could be more unhealthy to breath air in big cities compared to staying in a room with someone who is vaping." In England they are embracing this technology to help smokers quit using tobacco products. They are looking at the science and research that is being done and have came to the conclusion these devise can save lives and long term healthcare costs. They are finding that these products are not a gateway to smoking but a gateway away from tobacco. This can be seen by the continued decline in both adult and youth smoking rates.

I switched to from tobacco after 19 years of use. I have now been tobacco free for over two years now, as has is the rest of my family. One of the things that helped me switch was being able to try different flavors and devises to see what I liked and what worked for me. This bill would take that away from adult Alaskan across the state preventing many smokers with the help and support they need to make the switch from tobacco. We all want people to quit smoking and using tobacco products and this can be accomplished if we are all able to work together, see the facts and research that shows electronic products may play a role in this.

Thank you for your time,

Alex McDonald

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From:	Sen. Anna MacKinnon
Sent:	Sunday, March 20, 2016 10:05 AM
То:	Senate Finance Committee
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Sent: Friday, March 18, 2016 2:51 PM

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Dear Senator Kelly,

I'm urging you to oppose SB1.

I've copied your fellow Senators to this email as well.

I've been vaping since Dec 2013 when I received my first starter kit for Christmas from my boyfriend's mom, who is a nurse practitioner. I started smoking combustable cigarettes when I was 13. I've noticed differences since I switched to this healthier alternative. I have energy to run and play with my daughter, as a matter a fact we race each other often and I can keep up with her! I've been to Zumba classes to help loose weight and I don't hack or feel a need to have a cigarette like I use to, getting the snow machine unstuck is easier now too! I no longer stink like an ashtray and food tastes so different now (it's great)! I'm not eating more just to cover the smoke taste in my mouth. I started at 12mg in a protank. I now have a few different set ups and I'm on 3mg! 3mg is lowest nicotine level beside 0mg (zero nicotine). It's amazing the harm reduction that I have done for my body and wouldn't have been able to without being introduced to vaping. My boyfriend opened his own store in Fairbanks, AK, because we couldn't find any e liquid or replacement coils for our new devices. We have met so many wonderful people who wanted quit smoking for their them selves and their family. So many vaping success stories start with "I have tried many FDA approved ways and nothing worked!" Unlike the internet, we card everyone! We educate our customers in battery safety and building safe coils. We carry reputable e liquid! We invite everyone to come into

Ice Fog Vapor INC or give us a call (907) 328-1077!

We are a close knit vaping community! We support a smoke free lifestyle! We encourage getting active again! I wouldn't be where I am today without the help of my community!

I would like to see vape shops excluded from this bill.

I work for people with disabilities in their home and in the community. I've been in this field since 2007. This bill tells the person who lives in a group home setting who pays his rent and is blind he can smoke outside, but now has to be 20 feet away! This person needs help walking from the vehicle to his house door in the winter and you want him to walk 20feet away? I know fellow co workers that have been hurt to the point of needing surgery from assisting clients walking outside on ice. The individual slips and brings the staff down with them.

As a health care worker I have to promote independence as often as possible. Now this blind individual needs a staff to walk him 20feet away and stand there with him and hope another individual doesn't need that staffs' assistance while he's outside. This brings in more hazards to clients and their care providers. I know you've met with many of these people over the years, because they've taken the time to travel to Juneau! I'm glad to hear that our senior citizens who need help in their home will be removed from this bill as well as home hospice. As a health care worker I know I'm going into someone's home, THEIR CASTLE!

This bill goes against our constitution and dictates what people can and can't so in their home. I'll remind you: Article 12 of human rights says,

"No one shall be subjected to arbitrary interference with his privacy, family, home or correspondence, nor to attacks upon his honour and reputation. Everyone has the right to the protection of the law against such interference or attacks."

Thank you for your time Senator Kelly. Jessi Walton Fairbanks,AK

Sent from my iPhone

From:	Sen. Anna MacKinnon
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Good afternoon. This email is in regards to SB1

My name is Charles Ruerup and I am a born and raised Fairbanks, Alaskan. I am also an ex cigarette smoker who quit using vaping as a cessation device. In my time vaping I, being rather pedantic, have done extensive research about the health effects of vaping because at first I was quite the skeptic. What I learned is that I was better off vaping than living in a place like Los Angeles whose air contains more toxins by far than that of the vapor from my vaporizer. I won't bore you with all of the facts as I'm sure that you will find them when you try(if you haven't already) Please leave my local vape shops alone and please let them continue their business saving lives.

From:	Sen. Anna MacKinnon
Sent:	Sunday, March 20, 2016 10:03 AM
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#### From: Eric Vargason [mailto:biffrosco001@gmail.com]

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Thank you for taking time to hear my concerns with Senate bill 1 (SB1).

My name is Eric Vargason from North Pole, AK. I am no longer a smoker. I have tried numerous attempts to quit tobacco including gum, patches, therapy, counseling, thumb stones, assorted medication, including Chantix; many were recommended by the Alaska Quitline, none have worked for me and not for lack of trying. If you are questioning my motivation to quit, I was told if I didn't quit smoking I would die, that is plenty of motivation. Some of the recommendations even made my health conditions worse. After many failed attempts of using more mainstream ways of quitting tobacco, I found vaping. I haven't smoked since, and that was two years ago. The last two years of using tobacco were my worst. I had diminished quality of life, loss of hope, and I would hang my head in shame while buying a pack of cigarettes. The past 2 years I've noticed positive changes in my health and life. Now my breathing isn't labored, I feel energized, and I'm losing weight because I'm more active. I also have a great support network in the Alaskan vaping community. They help me stay tobacco free, for the first time in 23 years. That is over two decades that I have been dependent on tobacco products.

I have been 2 years without a lung infection, which were normal occurrences. I was often sick at work, due to my tobacco use. Since I have quite tobacco, I have been in good health and my productivity has gone up dramatically.

My family's health has improved as well, even though I never smoked inside, or around my daughter, this will be the second winter that she has not required her inhaler. We had thought that it might be allergies, pollen, or

other factors, but after a week of quitting tobacco she has been fine. My kids are proud to see that I have quit using tobacco products, my health has improved, as have theirs. I don't have any more regular check ups scheduled, and I will be around to enjoy more of their lives. Restricting alternatives to tobacco diminishes people's chances of quitting tobacco through alternative means. A medical research team from the University of London published in the British Journal of General Practice states "Given that smokers smoke for the nicotine but die primarily from the tar, one might imagine that e-cigarettes would be welcomed as a means to prevent much death and suffering caused by cigarettes. " in conclusion I am proof that this works.

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Sen. Anna MacKinnon Sunday, March 20, 2016 10:02 AM Senate Finance Committee FW: SB1

# From: Jennie Rose [mailto:jennierose001@hotmail.com]

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I would like to thank you for allowing me to share my concerns with SB1.

My name is Jennifer Vargason of North Pole, Alaska originally from kwethluk.

Vaping has saved my family from the ball and chain of tobacco use and I am thankful for that! I am healthier, my husband is healthier, and my family is healthier. Why this bill would include vaping as the same thing as tobacco product is beyond me. Vapor products do not contain tobacco and there is no combustion! Current research has shown that vaping does not have the harmful effects of smoking and there are no concerns for bystanders. The ingredients in the liquid are in every day foods that we consume. Yes, there can be nicotine in the liquid but there have been studies that show that nicotine is as safe as caffeine. The article "Is everything we know about nicotine wrong?" Dr. Neff even states instances where nicotine has been known to help certain conditions such as Alzheimer's disease, depression, Parkinsons disease, and more. It has been found that in those demographics tobacco use is higher. Alternatives to tobacco could help these demographics.

I have been a tobacco user since I was 9 years old. Since then I have gone from iqmik (natural tobacco mixed with punk ash), Copenhagen, to cigarettes and have never been able to quit. I will be honest and tell you that when I first came upon vaping, I rolled my eyes and thought that it was just another fad that does not work. I was disgusted that my husband would vape, I was very hesitant to even try it, until I had witnessed my husband go without a cigarette for over a month. I was amazed, as I had seen him try several different methods of quitting, none of which were successful. I did a little research, after seeing the results in person, and I decided to give it a try. When I started vaping, I vaped while I was off work, but I still used iqmik during normal work hours. Since December of 2014, I have been without tobacco completely and feel way better. I have dropped

nicotine levels from 1.2% to .3% in the liquid I use. Nearly 28 years of tobacco use and I haven't yet picked up a cigarette or any form other of tobacco since I switched to this tobacco alternative!

Please reconsider SB1.

Thank you again for your time,

Jennifer Vargason

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S6 edge+, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone