

Good day,

The possession of tobacco or nicotine products is already illegal for folks under the age of 19 in Alaska.

This bill is a waste of the state's time and more importantly the states money.

Vaping is not a fad. Vape devices and vape juice is a tool that adults use to help them curb the desire to smoke traditional cigarettes.

Vaping has been endorsed by The Royal College of Physicians after years of in depth research and testing.

There has been a huge increase in the types of devices available to the 10.5 million adult vapers in the U.S.A. That's a bunch of folks that do not smoke tobacco or chew smokeless tobacco.

These folks are not looking to be "cool" they are trying to get off tobacco products. 10.5 million and growing.

The last point I would like to make is that vaping is not smoking. There is research suggesting that nicotine is no more addictive than the caffeine in coffee and it is the smoke that is addicting.

The RCP research has shown that underage vaping is rarely anything other than sporadic experimentation and that the overwhelming number of the users of vape devices are adults that are not smoking and are vaping instead.

Thank you for your time.

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