

Chair Costello and members of the Senate Labor and Commerce Committee

Thank you Senator Costello for giving vape folks a chance to have a say on SB15.

I am submitting my testimony on SB 15 on behalf of my store, as a 50 year resident of Alaska, and as a member of the Smoke Free Alternative Trade Association. (SFATA)

This bill is redundant and is a waste of Alaskan legislature's time and Alaskans already limited government monies.

The FDA (federal) regulations, known as the Deeming regulations, which pertain to personal vaporizers, electronic smoking devices, and nicotine products, have addressed the age requirements for sales of nicotine delivery devices and nicotine products in all states.

The vape shops in Alaska are adhering to federal regulations already. We are subject to FDA spot checks and random walk through inspections. All vape shops have the age requirements for Alaska posted on entry doors and are required the I.D. of customers that appear younger than 27 years of age, as required by the FDA regulations.

We are in the business of getting adults off tobacco products and offering a healthier alternative to smoking. Our little store in Kenai has helped 293 folks get off cigs and chew in the last 14 months and the number climbs upward every month.

Since the federal government has already outlawed sales of vapor products to minors, there is no need for Alaska to waste time and money doing the same thing. Therefore there is no need to move SB 15 from the Senate Labor and Commerce Committee.

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