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Hello,

I live in Fairbanks and I would like to voice my support for SB15. I coach a local swim team in the evenings, my training group is age 10-14, and I often work with the high school kids, too. Last week my swimmers participated in Kick Butts Day activities, where they signed a poster to pledge to #BeTheFirst tobacco-free generation.

(http://www.newsminer.com/news/kris_capps/students-at-fairbanks-schools-vow-not-a-replacement-smoker/article_079ce458-300f-11e8-a8ae-0b2c2442f319.html) In our preparation to sign this poster we chatted about tobacco facts and many of my middle-school age swimmers expressed a lot of curiosity about e-cigarettes and the risks of vaping. Many of them cannot see how vaping is harmful, and informed me they had seen students vaping on the bus, or had heard of other students asking for vape pens for gifts for their birthdays. This is shocking to me! The risk for young people is real, their lungs and brains are still developing. I don't think this is something that should be compromised because of curiosity and easy e-cig attainment. I feel e-cigs need to be included in age restrictions ASAP, as their inclusion shows that these items truly are not for children.

Please support SB15 and continue to move it through to the end.

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