

Taneeka Hansen

From: tay harling <guide2fish@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2016 4:59 PM
To: House Health and Social Services
Subject: Opposing HB 328

Hello local Representatives,

My name is Tay Harling and I have been using vaping products for 3 years. Before that I was smoking a 1/2 pack a day and chewing a can a day. Moving to vape products was the best thing that I could have done to improve my life. My lungs are more clear and breathing is much better. Patches, gum and other products to help quit smoking have not worked.

Vaping is the future for people looking to cut the habbit. It is the best smoke free alternative.

I ask that you all look to vote no on this measure.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Tay Harling

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

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From: Ryan <ryan7099@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2016 4:35 PM
To: House Health and Social Services
Subject: HB328 opposition

My name is Ryan Austin

Vaping is not smoke as defined in people vs Thomas in New York, an in sb225 Nevada.

I'm asking you to amend bill to allow vaping in homes no matter if their is a business or not. We as adults choose To go into a vapeshop, we as adults choose to work where we do. We also choose to go into a bar or restaurant whether or not they allow vaping or smoking. That is a choice the individual has made, and should not be infringed upon.

Thanks for reading this.

Ryan Austin

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From: anna vongphachanh <avongphachanh@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2016 3:51 PM
To: House Health and Social Services
Subject: HB 328

I am an adult in Alaska, age 19 or older, and I oppose HB328. I work at a local vape shop in Anchorage and I have helped many many people that wanted to quit smoking cigarettes that have failed using other methods. Vaping have made it easier for all our returning customers to completely stop smoking. There are countless times when they come into the shop and tell me how much better they feel. That they can finally breathe and play with their grandkids. Most went back to the gym are able to run on the treadmill without struggling to catch a breathe. You have no idea how thankful they are to be able to quit smoking and helping other citizens quit as well. We are a community. In this industry everyone is helping and supporting one another to quit. We never give up on any of us or those who really wants to better their health. Vaping has brought a lot of us closer at a personal level even some became great friends for a long time.

Please don't let this bill pass. With all the hard work that these local vape shops did will be for nothing. We would lose our livelihood and it would put business owners out of business which for them is their only financial income that provides to their families. Please find another way. All the vape shop around the world are mostly locally-owned but one of the most successful industry that can make life a lot healthier.

I was a smoker. E cigarette had helped me quite. Now I no longer need the need to vape. You would've think I would still vape cause I work at a vape shop but really, I'm in it to help everyone in this community helping each other to quit traditional tobacco one person at a time. We may not save the world, but we may save a million lives. Please reconsider.

-Anna Vongphachanh

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S7, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

Taneeka Hansen

From: Joshua Land <altoakjl@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2016 2:27 PM
To: House Health and Social Services
Subject: Opposing HB328

I feel that vaping is a safer alternative for cigarettes. I think this bill is wrong for Alaska and harmful to the vaping community in general.

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From: Charis Curry <ayeitscharis@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2016 2:21 PM
To: House Health and Social Services
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I believe that taxing vape products will drive people back to smoking, just for the fact that it would be so much more expensive vaping. Smoking is dangerous and the amount of people that have switched from cigarettes to vaping is growing everyday. I believe vaping should be left with the little laws it has now, because it has helped so many people breathe and live better.

Sent from my iPhone

Taneeka Hansen

From: Kyle Tucker <kylet0202@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2016 2:05 PM
To: House Health and Social Services
Subject: HB-328

Hey, I'm Kyle Tucker. I am a 20 year old US citizen. whom believes vapping is a grand thing it has been helping people satiate their craving for nicotine. the fact that vaping is another delivery method for nicotine means it has more room the grow and get bigger but i believe it should stay around, and no laws should be passed upon it othere than a 20% or 40% tax rate on it.

Ive been vaping for a year now and it already feels better than when i was paying for cartons of american spirit blacks all the time.

thanks for hearing my piece.

-KT

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From: bigmike0190 <bigmike0190@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2016 1:48 PM
To: House Health and Social Services
Subject: Opposing hb328

I was a smoker for 31 years and vaping has enabled me to stop smoking. Vaping is more affordable and less harmful to me. Without this option i would still be smoking cigarettes. My family and friends are thankful that i have finally been able to quit smoking as am i.

Sent from Samsung tablet.

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From: melissa mudd <mrsmudd@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2016 1:42 PM
To: House Health and Social Services
Subject: HB 328

I am an adult in Alaska, age 19 or older and I oppose HB328. I am a e-cigarette user, not a smoker.

Melissa Mudd
Eagle River, AK
mrsmudd@hotmail.com

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From: Thomas Andre <aleutpride1979@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2016 1:39 PM
To: House Health and Social Services
Subject: HB 328

I am an adult in Alaska, age 19 or older, and I oppose HB 328. I am an e-cigarette user and not a smoker.

Thomas Andre Sr
713 w 45th ave #3
Anchorage ,AK 99503
Sent from my iPhone

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From: JUSTIN SHOUP <justinshoup1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2016 1:38 PM
To: House Health and Social Services
Subject: HB328

To Whom it Concers,

I am a 29 year old Alaskan Adult and I oppose HB328. I am a e-cigarettes user and have been smoke free for two years. In doing so, my health has improved immensely. Please do not make it more difficult for future smokers choosing a healthier option. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully Submitted
Justin Shoup
USMC Veteran

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From: Rhett Jackson <rhettjackson92@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2016 1:27 PM
To: House Health and Social Services
Subject: Opposing HB328

My name is Rhett Jackson, I have been vaping for almost two years now. Before vaping I was smoking a pack of cigarettes a day and chewing tobacco as well. I constantly had a fear of cancer and worry of the unknown chemicals and products that were used in my tobacco products. In September of 2014, my daughter was born and that is when I finally decided to look for a healthier alternative. I turned to vaping, there is a lot of information I have researched of the four ingredients in vape juice. The products proved safe for me and others around me. I didn't have to worry about second hand smoke to my daughter or my wife. I knew what I was inhaling into my body. Best of all, I can breathe better and I feel better. I truly believe this is a healthy alternative to traditional tobacco products. Please take people's opinions from the vaping community rather than caring about the government making money off of these products. Vaping is a better alternative to smoking so don't make it impossibly expensive for people to continue vaping and vape shops to continue being open.

Thank you.

Taneeka Hansen

From: irishinak69 <irishinak69@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2016 1:18 PM
To: House Health and Social Services
Subject: HB328

I'm writing this email as opposition to HB328. I am an eliquid manufacturer as well as a creator of the flavors involved. I use four ingredients in my eliquid. Propylene Glycol, a medium used to carry other ingredients in a liquid form, vegetable glycerin, a liquid which creates the physical Vapor that's derived from vegetable matter, liquid nicotine, and flavorings, both natural and artificial. I am a former smoker. I smoked 3 packs of cigarettes a day. On days I worked, I would consume a tube of nicotine lozenges at my place of employment, and still smoke 2 packs before returning to my work in 12 hours. My goal in life is to have people give up their cigarettes, and eventually give up nicotine all together. I, myself, have given up nicotine. I still use my e-cigarette but without nicotine. From reading the basis of your bill, I wouldn't be able to use my e-cigarette, even in my own home, even though I don't use nicotine. Studies have shown that there is no such thing as second hand nicotine or second hand harmful pollutants expelled when using e-cigarettes. This bill is very vague in this regard. There are no acetones or formaldehydes in the liquids that I produce, I even have documentation from a certified laboratory which proves this information. I implore you to remove this bill and allow people like myself, to continue changing people and their health in a positive way. Thank you, Kevin A. Collins, owner of Moose Knuckle eliquid. Anchorage, AK. 99503. 9074401709

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S7, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

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From: NorthernLights VaporCo <northernlightsvaporco@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2016 1:07 PM
To: House Health and Social Services
Subject: Please Oppose HB328

Good Afternoon Chairs and Committee Members,

My name is Tessa Lepley and I am an owner of Northern Lights Vapor Company, LLC out of Anchorage, Alaska.

I am writing to urge you not to pass HB328 as it is proposed. It has been said before but I clearly needs to be said again: Vaping IS NOT Smoking. There are many many studies that have taken place all over the globe over the last three years showing that the vapor produced from electronic cigarettes is in no way comparable to the smoke produced by cigarettes. Vapers experience cleaner lungs, lower blood pressure, and find that COPD symptoms are lessened.

Specialized stores that sell only Vapor related products should be exempt from this bill. Vaping should not be banned from indoors. Smokers desperately seeking a less harmful alternative to their smoking habit need to be able to try the products and use them inside a place where they can learn about alternatives to smoking and cigarettes

Banning smoking and vaping in private homes is government overreach plain and simple and anyone who supports a law governing what legal substances a private citizen can put into their bodies within their own private dwelling should absolutely ashamed of themselves. This portion of the law specifically is about as unAmerican as it gets.

Do not allow HB328 to pass as it is written. Vapor products should be exempt. Vapor Shops should be exempt. Private residences should absolutely be exempt.

Thank you for your time.

Tessa Lepley
Northern Lights Vapor Company
Anchorage, Alaska

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From: Mark Massera <thundergun.mm@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2016 12:44 PM
To: House Health and Social Services
Subject: Opposing HB328

Good morning, I am speaking in opposition of HB328.
Independent studies have shown Vaping works as an alternative to smoking.
Vaping should not be tied together with smoking.
HB328 will only aid in closing a industry that is helping the people of Alaska.
I urge you to listen to the people. Don't deny the facts and don't ignore the truth.
Thank you for your time.

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From: Christopher Hall <907topher@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2016 12:40 PM
To: House Health and Social Services
Subject: Opposing HB 328

Hello my name is Christopher Hall. I started switching to vaping in 2013. I smoked for 10 years. I no longer smoke.

After switching to vaping I have noticed a great change. I got my taist back, my energy level has increased, and I no longer weeze Ashe I lay down at night.

One single cigarette has 7,000 chemicals.

One bottle of vape juice has 4 chemicals total. I have done a comparison paper with the local college. I understand the difference from smoking and vaping.

Vaping has nothing to do with Tabacco and should go be classified with this bill. Thanks you for not associating vaping with cigarettes.

Thanks you for your time.
Christopher Hall

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From: mark massera <AK_PALADIN@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2016 12:18 PM
To: House Health and Social Services
Subject: opposing HB328

Good morning. My name is Mark Massera and I reside in Soldotna. I am speaking in opposition of HB328 and on behalf of the hundreds of adults on the Kenai Peninsula who have made the choice to vape instead of smoke.

An independent research document "Peering through the Mist" by Dr. Burstyn found the TLV's were magnitudes below OSHA limits.

The abstract on page 1 of "Peering through the Mist" states the results and conclusions of Dr. Burstyn's research.

And an independent study, commissioned by Public Health England, found that e-cigarette use is around 95% less harmful to health than smoking and they contain almost none of the chemicals in cigarettes associated with serious diseases like lung cancer and emphysema.

On pages 2 and 3 of the Public Health England study are graphs showing the positive results of e-cig use among adults.

Adults choosing to vape instead of smoke look to unbiased/independent studies like this to help them make informed decisions.

Vaping has saved Alaskans who used to smoke, thousands of dollars and has had a tremendous positive impact on their lives, myself included. There is no way to deny the fact of how better my health has gotten after switching from cigarettes to vaping almost 3 years ago.

It seems that this legislation session is about closing down this industry in Alaska or effectively regulating this healthier alternative out of existence. Unless it's about money and not health and well-being of the citizens of Alaska. The only store in Alaska that would comply with this bill in its current form is a tobacco store in the sponsor's district.

Alaska has the opportunity to show leadership in this new, less harmful way of nicotine delivery.

You may hear otherwise but the truth is provided by independent studies and real world evidence..The truth is that vaping works.

I urge you not to ignore our opposition of HB328, **please do not discard the truth..**

Thank you for your time and thoughtfulness on this issue.