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Subject: SB 45

I live in Sitka, Ak and I'm writing to you about SB45 taxing e-cigarettes. As a recent retiree I have witnessed the decline in youth use of tobacco only to see a new rise in e-cigarettes. Tobacco companies work hard to keep a new supply of users. It is our responsibility to protect our youth.

E-cigarettes should be taxed at the same rate as other tobacco products. Also, the entire product should be taxed, not just a small piece of it. Taxes are our best policy approach to protect youth from tobacco addiction.

Please support a strong e-cigarette tax to keep our young people safe and healthy.

Best,
Andrea Thomas

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