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Subject: E-cig tax bill

Greetings Senator Costello,

I'm writing this out of concern regarding the e-cigarette bill regarding coming to the floor this Friday which discusses the tax of e-cigarettes.

This is close to my heart having lost family members to smoking and supporting too many cancer patients in my nursing career of over 30 years.

Future generations are successfully being targeted by e-cigarette companies. In high school my daughter in honor society was a part of tobacco prevention. She took a position as an underage buyer. Now in college she thought nothing of vape pens which all the kids used and could be easily taken anywhere. She developed a harsh cough and decreased her level of activity due to breathing issues a year later. I'm grateful she has quit vaping and fully recovered. Some youth aren't as fortunate.

Please dissuade our youth by taxing e-cigs and paraphernalia used for e-cig consumption in the same manner cigarettes have been taxed and declined in use and sales as a result.

Thank you,
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