

SB 990

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Dear Connecticut Public Health Committee Member,

I am a physician and ex-smoker that now uses a nicotine vaporizer/electronic cigarette for the last 2 1/2 years. A recent peer-reviewed article published in the Inhalation Toxicology Journal (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/23033998>) has confirmed what many of us that use these vaporizers have suspected, namely that there is no evidence for "second hand" harm in regards to using these products. They emit essentially steam, food flavorings, and nicotine (which is absorbed in inhalation). The proposed bill SB990, while understandable, is misguided and not based in science. It forces ex-smokers to join smokers in a 'smoking section' in order to continue to use their nicotine replacement. This appears somewhat punitive, although I am certain that this was not the consequence, and places ex-smokers at risk to return to smoking. It would be somewhat akin to forcing someone who is using diet products to eat them only near the doughnut stand. I'm sure that you can see the problem there.

I would suggest that you take the time to consider the scientific evidence and vote against this bill. I am a member of the National Vapers Club, which serves to assist people along the path of the use of these nicotine inhalers. This is important work that has led to thousands, perhaps hundreds of thousands that have been able to quit years of heavy smoking. There are a number of other articles available through the clubs website. <http://vapersclub.com/science.php>

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

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