

To Whom It May Concern:

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My name is Cheryl Fuentes. I am not a smoker but several members of my family are/were smokers. My daughter, April, began smoking as a young teenager and although it was something that we, her parents, did not approve of, and for which she often found herself grounded, she continued to smoke up into her late 30's. Although she tried to quit smoking on several occasions, within a few months, she would pick up the habit again.

Last year she and her husband came across a device that gives the sensation of smoking but uses only vapor and some type of liquid. I am amazed at the result. At first she slowed down her need for cigarettes and within a few months, totally broke herself free of the addiction.

My son, also a cigarette smoker, seeing his sister's results, also tried the vapor device and within a few weeks, found himself almost totally free of cigarettes. Unfortunately, about 3 or 4 weeks into his new "life" free of cigarettes, he found himself without the device which broke when it fell in water. So he went back to cigarettes, temporarily. Once he was able to replace the device, he quit smoking again and is on his way to being nicotine free.

In addition to these happy results, I am pleased with the fact that we don't have the lingering smell of burning cigarettes around our home when they come to visit.

Unless there is some finding that marks these devices dangerous, I highly recommend that they be allowed to be sold on the market for those who are looking to free themselves from dangerous nicotine habits.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Fuentes

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