



Consumers Petroleum

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Consumers Petroleum is a petroleum marketer based in Trumbull Connecticut. I am here today in opposition to H.B. No. 7059 (RAISED) AN ACT ESTABLISHING REGISTRATION FEES FOR SELLERS AND MANUFACTURERS OF ELECTRONIC CIGARETTE PRODUCTS for the following reasons.

- We will stop selling electronic cigarettes from 6 of 19 locations if the \$500 registration fee passes (31.57% of our stores);
- With several new stores on the horizon, we would likely not open the new stores with electronic cigarettes as part of the assortment, if the registration fee has passed and is in effect;
- If the registration fee passes, we will have to increase the retail cost of the product, in the stores that we choose to continue selling, to compensate for the annual fee;
- If this registration fee passes, retail prices will increase, and likely so will smuggling and black market sales;
- Currently the state of CT is 12th in the USA for smuggled cigarette sales due high taxes (4th in the USA);
- Vaping and heat not burn nicotine delivery devices are not used exclusively for nicotine products.

Consumers Petroleum is opposed to H.B. No. 7059 (RAISED) AN ACT ESTABLISHING REGISTRATION FEES FOR SELLERS AND MANUFACTURERS OF ELECTRONIC CIGARETTE PRODUCTS. If you have any questions I would be happy to answer them at this time.

Respectfully,

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