

My name is dave and this is my reasoning for why you shouldn't be trying to ban e cigs or tax them to death. Last March I found out I had stage 4 hodgkins lymphoma. That is a type of cancer. I found out I would be going through 6 months of chemotherapy and two of the drugs were going to affect my heart and lungs. I was advised to Quit smoking cigarettes because of the side effects of the chemotherapy drugs and I wasn't looking forward to the process of quitting. Then I heard about e cigarettes and have many flavors and different types of tanks and batteries and I could make it my own. They also have juices with no nicotine which is very helpful for me. Going from a pack a day to no nicotine took a matter of a month and I owe it to e cigs. To this day a year later I still use it and no one ever gets upset that I use it. In fact sometimes I get questions and try to tell my story so others can quit as well. By taking this option for those who want to Quit away, you are in a sense giving the power right back to the big tobacco companies. I support not selling to minors and the place I go to get my e liquid does a very good job at making sure no one underage purchases anything. Ha it not been for e cigs, I would probably still be smoking and causing long term damage to myself. Please don't ruin it for us that choose to vape and not smoke cigarettes. I don't miss smelling like an ashtray. Bad enough I go to tell casino and smell like an ashtray when I leave.

I also believe that there shouldn't be a tax on e liquids or e cigarette products because it can help save lives. It has done amazingly for me and if promoted instead of degraded I'm sure we could get many many more people to Quit smoking. That is my story and I hope that in some way it helps to keep us who use e cigs able to access the many benefits it has for us former smokers.

Sincerely,
David Peterson