

Dear sir/ma'am

As a New England resident (CT) and a FORMER smoker (22 years) that was never able to quit tobacco until May 5, 2013 when I picked up my first electronic cigarette device, I support banning sales of e-cigarettes to minors (18+), but I OPPOSE banning e-cigarette use where smoking is prohibited, eliminating flavors, or otherwise restricting or discouraging the use of these potentially life-saving devices by adults.

As an adult user of a product that (individually; in its parts) has been certified as GRAS (generally recognized as safe) by the F&DA and whos batteries have all the CE, UL & Disposable/Recycling info one would exspect from electronic devices, it seems superfluous to consider any goverment regulations on a product that (by simply NOT being tobacco) is healthier then the alternatives.

For any more information about making a well informed decision on any bill that effects electronic cigarettes please visit <http://www.casaa.org>

My personal vape story:

As a disabled veteran that has had a brain injury I had access to any and all forms of smoking cessation available. Over the year I found that none of them had any effectiveness. I am on Amantidine, a medicine for my brain, so I was unable to take Chantix. Because of my facial paralysis I was unable to use Nicorette Gum and "the patch" never worked for me.

After months of "stop and go" quitting (a smoker understands) I saw an e-cig commercial... and haven't touched a traditional cigarette since.

I know a lot of folks will say "this is only anecdotal evidence" but after thousands of testimonies over the years its time someone stood up against Big tobacco companies and support intelligent legislation that will save lives.

Thank you for your time
God bless
Have a fine Navy day.

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