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**TESTIMONY REGARDING SB 164 AN ACT RAISING THE AGE TO PURCHASE TOBACCO
TO TWENTY-ONE**

My name is Kevin. I've been smoke free for approximately 9 years because of vapor products. When I read that there was going to be a hearing about a possible ban of vapor products being sold online, I felt compelled to share an experience I had with a customer.

I worked at a vape shop here in Connecticut for approximately 3 years. Within the third month of working there, I met a wonderful woman named Susan. She was 73 years old. When Susan came into the store, she had told me that her doctor sent her here. She said her doctor had told her that if she didn't quit smoking, she wouldn't live past 6 months. He had other patients that were able to quit smoking using e-cigarettes and recommended that she try one. I proceeded to set up Susan with a starter kit and some e-liquid. She found an e-liquid that she really enjoyed called "Monkey Buns", a cinnamon roll flavor. She was very happy with her starter kit and e-liquid and went on her way. Every week, for 3 months, Susan would come into the store to purchase her Monkey Buns. She would always let us know that she was still smoke free and that she was feeling better every day.

One week Susan didn't show up. She called us to let us know that she had a bad fall and currently wasn't able to walk. She was concerned because she was running low on e-liquid and had no way to come to our shop and purchase more. I informed Susan that we had a website where she could purchase her e-liquid and it would be shipped to her home. She was very happy to hear this and immediately placed an order.

Unfortunately, Susan never fully recovered from her fall and was confined to a wheel chair. She continued to purchase her favorite e-liquid online every week. She would always leave a note for us with her order letting us know she was still smoke free and still feeling better everyday.

I ask the committee, for the sake of Susan, to reconsider a ban of selling vapor products being sold online.

Thank you,

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