

Testimony in support of SB 326- An Act Prohibiting the Sale of Flavored Cigarettes, Tobacco Products, Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems and Vapor Products

To the Members of the Public Health Committee:

My name is David Koch, but most people know me as “Coach”. I live in Hamden. I would like to provide my testimony in support of SB 326- An Act Prohibiting the Sale of Flavored Cigarettes, Tobacco Products, Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems and Vapor Products. As a cancer survivor, I know the impact cancer has on so many people. We can’t prevent all cancers, but by supporting this bill you can take a step to reduce tobacco-related cancers.

We know that tobacco use causes not only cancer, but many other diseases. And it is entirely preventable. But Big Tobacco doesn’t care about the harm their products cause. From menthol cigarettes to fruit flavored e-cigarettes Big Tobacco designs and markets these deadly products to hook kids. We must put a stop to it.

I am asking you, please end the sale of all flavored tobacco products, including menthol cigarettes. The kids of Connecticut are counting on you. I am a father and a grandfather, and I don’t want to see my kids addicted to these deadly products.

Thank you,

David Koch

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