

**Public Health Committee**

Public Hearing – February 8, 2021

**SB 326 AA Prohibiting The Sale Of Flavored Cigarettes, Tobacco Products, Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems and Vapor Products**

Mr. Russell Mills

I would like to thank the leadership and members of the Public Health Committee for providing me with the opportunity to comment in strong support of SB 326, which would prohibit the sale of all flavors, in all tobacco products, in all CT locations.

As a life-long resident of CT and father of four, and an advocate for the American Heart Association, the health of our children is a top concern and taking this step is one more positive way we can contribute to healthier lives. Unfortunately, my extended family has been negatively affected by tobacco, ultimately resulting in loss from cancer. I am proud to say that my immediate family are not consumers of tobacco or vaping products.

I am in strong support of this bill, but I encourage a friendly amendment added to the language (proposed amendment has been submitted by Mr. Jim Williams of the American Heart Association and simply spells out that the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services has the authority to conduct compliance inspections) that I feel is necessary to strengthen the bill.

Thank you very much for your time and efforts.

Sincerely,

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