

Good evening to all assembled,

My name is David Daniels III, I am a retired Bridgeport Police Lieutenant , a city of Bridgeport resident and a bit of a community activist, I would like to thank you for this opportunity to speak on the proposed legislation SB-367 To consider a ban on all flavored vaping products.

Once again let me reiterate, I do not Vape, Smoke or utilize any Tobacco based products, I also believe that we should discourage our children from consuming such products for health reasons.

I do however have a problem with an across the board ban on menthol cigarettes, in that over time I believe that such a ban would have unintended consequences for adults mainly Black and Brown people that have openly and legally enjoyed for at least a hundred years, I understand that this proposed legislation is aimed at the sellers, but the laws of supply and demand could also evolve into a look into the people that process and use them if the desired affect cannot be realized, negatively adding to tedious relationship between cops and community , move over The people that consume these products will not stop wanting them or buying them, they will merely travel to other cities or states and secure them anyway and this action could spawn an illicit market to fill the niche and

that market will not have the same quality control and safety measures that our federally regulated tobacco companies already have.

This is a short-term solution to a long term problem that may ultimately lead to more problems down the road , I hope that you'll reconsider this action.

I thank you for your time consideration.