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Honorable Committee: Missouri Smoke Free is a statewide tobacco harm reduction org 501c4 Our mission is public health and consumer advocacy. House Bill 517 will raise the age of tobacco and vapor products to 21 and we fully support. Given that President Trump signed "Tobacco 21" into Federal law before leaving office, and there is currently a patchwork of law in the state of Missouri that confuses retailers, the House of Representatives should pass HB 517 out of committee and bring to the floor for a full vote. This legislation is common sense, and when passed into state statute, it will secure federal funding dollars. This bill would raise the age of tobacco and vapor products to 21 and would rectify the current patchwork, local tobacco control laws by giving the state authority over tobacco and vapor product regulations. This is a good start to addressing youth use of age-restricted products, and it does not unfairly punish adult users of tobacco harm reduction products. To address localities' concerns, Missouri lawmakers ought to revisit state funding toward tobacco control programs and offer robust funding to the communities by using existing tobacco monies. In 2019, Missouri collected an estimated \$72.3 million in cigarette taxes and \$134.2 million in tobacco settlement payments. In the same year, the Show-Me State allocated only \$500,000 toward tobacco control programs — including youth prevention and cessation services. This is less than 1 percent of tobacco monies received and amounts to \$0.54 per-smoker and \$0.36 per resident 18 years and younger. Missouri Smoke Free recognizes the importance of addressing youth tobacco and vapor product use, and we support sensible solutions that can reduce youth use while maintaining adult access to tobacco harm reduction products. HB 517 a good clean bill that we favor. Thank You, Adam J. Moll MissouriSmokeFree.org



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My husband began smoking cigarettes at 12 years old. As a young man, he would suffer bronchitis once or twice a year. He developed all the downsides of cigarettes: addiction, smoker's cough, shortage of breath walking up stairs, dulled sense of smell and taste, not to mention expensive! I do not smoke, but I have suffered from a persistent cough and reoccurring tonsillitis linked to second-hand smoke. I hated how my drapes and clothes smelled, and how the habit ate up our money and he regularly missed work due to week-long bronchitis illnesses directly linked to his smoking. The video of Big Tobacco CEOs in 1992 swearing under oath before Congress that nicotine was NOT addictive was the most disgusting visual I have ever seen regarding this habit. Cigarettes are engineered with added chemicals to enhance the effect, to deliver nicotine as efficiently in the body as possible. My husband tried to quit smoking 15 times, using the patch, gum, hypnosis, nothing worked for long. The greatest period he was smoke-free was 1 year. He is 47 now and started when he was 12. Back in 2013, he discovered vaping as an alternative to smoking which would spare me the second-hand smoke, as my own tonsillitis was getting worse. This allowed him the addictive habit and to "step down" from the craving of nicotine from 12mg to 6mg to 3mg of nicotine, and now he even cuts that in half on his own, 1.5mg nicotine. His sense of smell and taste have returned, he doesn't get winded going up stairs anymore, he can SING again, he has missed NO WORK at all as the regular bronchitis cases have STOPPED. My bouts of tonsillitis have STOPPED. My clothes and drapes don't smell awful. What's even more? His primary physician, Dr. Grus at West County BJC in St. Charles County, has taken annual looks at his lungs via X-Ray and says that after 5 years of vaping, he has lungs like a non-smoker. He hasn't smoked in 8 years. We've saved a ton of money on medical insurance through my work as they add a surcharge for any smoker of \$35 per paycheck! The vaping products also COST LESS than cigarettes in the long run. These bans on vape products come across ONLY as politicians interfering yet again with the freedom of choice of ADULTS at the expense of the too-common battle cry "Won't somebody think of the children??" (never mind it is always the parents, not the government, who teach their children). I've also read reports that Big Tobacco--the CEOs killing my husband for profit--have lobbied heavily in favor of suppressing this alternative and putting them out of business in a despicable anti-competitive display, though I expect nothing else from them. Thanks to Trump, the Feds have now interfered with the online sale and shipping of vaping products. We are finding it more and more difficult to obtain this LIFE IMPROVING alternative. Banning flavored vaping products at the local level next means we cannot find what we need in our own town, either. Then what alternative do we even have except to move and stop giving our tax money to this state? This not going to protect the children, either. Just like alcohol with a 21-year-age limit (which brings more binge and deaths than Europe, who does not have it), they get hold of anything forbidden because it's made "interesting." All of this restriction on the common people instead of going after the COMPANIES who specifically market to children and holding them accountable has only harmed the responsible, tax-paying adults

making their own choices for a better life, and showing my and my husband once again why we need to leave the state of Missouri, as it feels more "backwater" every year with these controlling moralistic laws that continue to treat us like children under an authoritarian schoolmaster who hates children. It's already gotten tough for us after we made our lives better with vaping instead of cigarettes. It's a step in the right direction to prevent the local governments from making this decision for us, as it's overreaching their authority.



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April 12, 2021

Representative Ben BakerChair, Downsizing State GovernmentMissouri House of Representatives201 W. Capitol Ave.Jefferson City, Mo 65109Dear Representative Baker and Committee Members, Boys & Girls Clubs across Missouri are proud of the collective impact we have had on significantly reducing underage tobacco use in the state, working alongside FDA and state public education campaigns and the efforts of many other organizations and agencies. With decades of declines in underage usage of traditional tobacco products, today's usage rate is at the lowest level it has been in a generation. But we know more must be done. The FDA and the Surgeon General have called recent trends in high school and middle school e-vapor use an epidemic . Increasing the minimum age for tobacco purchases to twenty-one is a logical step to reverse these trends. According to the Missouri Department of Social Services, 9.2 percent of Missouri teens smoke. When you add in other tobacco products like e-cigarettes and chewing tobacco, that number jumps to over 20 percent. Something must be done.Data shows that youth under eighteen get tobacco products like e-vapor primarily through social sources such as friends or siblings who are eighteen or older . Approximately 80% of high school students in the U.S. turn eighteen years old before they graduate . By increasing the minimum age to twenty-one, no high school student should be able to legally purchase tobacco products. For these reasons, we strongly urge the committee to vote yes on House Bill 517. The Boys & Girls Clubs throughout Missouri stand ready to assist the state and federal government in implementing programs that reduce teenage smoking and increase healthy outcomes for our youth and all Missourians. Sincerely, Amanda GoodExecutive DirectorMissouri Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs



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I was unfortunate enough to start using tobacco at a young age like most people, and it wasn't until I was introduced to vaping when I was 27 and it helped me to kick the habit. 3 years later, I'm not only tobacco free, but I'm very close to becoming nicotine free as well, and it would not have been possible without vaping. Furthermore, like many other responsible adult Americans and fellow Missourians, I'm getting really tired of the government telling me what I can and cannot do, what is and is not good for my health. It is a very well known fact that the same people that lobby for vape bans are the same corporations that control the tobacco market, and they want control of it all. Let America be America, stop getting in the way of healthier habits. Enough is enough. Thank you.



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By doing this you will continue to allow business to stay open and people who can't get out to have access to these products



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I am an adult consumer that would rather have the state consistently regulate vaping products. Since President Trump already federally raised the age to 21, Missouri should align with the law to eliminate the patchwork of law across the state.



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I in Support of this Bill. Tobacco Products and Vaping Products are hurting Young Missourians and the age shall be raised as it is for the Sale and Consumption of Alcohol and Gambling.



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Banning vape flavors will be harmful for the population overall. It's will only serve to send people who have successfully quit smoking through vaping back to cigarettes, the far more harmful option. As far as minors vaping, they don't do it for the flavors, they do it to be cool. I've met several minors who vape, and it's almost always the disposable gas station pods and almost always tobacco or menthol flavors. Minors are always going to do stuff against their best interests and punishing law abiding adults will not change that. Plus, banning flavors could actually send more teens to smoking cigarettes. The logic in banning flavors to help the community is very flawed. It helps nobody. This is a republican state and as far I've ever seen, Republicans generally want smaller governments and less regulations. That fact leads me to believe that the decision to regulate an industry out of business is not to help anyone except for big tobacco. Stop taking money from these people and do your jobs as representatives of your constituents, not big tobacco.



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Please stop the attack on safer nicotine products such as vaping- I cannot tell you how much vaping has changed my life. I do not wake up coughing anymore - my kids asthma has cleared up - I feel like I've added more years to my life



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WITNESS NAME: BRETT MICHAEL WHITNEY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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By changing the age to 21 this will stop minors from getting these products. I have been smoke free for 4 years with the use of vapor products. Nothing else I tried worked to quit smoking except vapor products. I don't want to see these products taxed out of existence. I am 46 years old. Thank you.



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Good afternoon. I am someone who smoked cigarettes for 31 years. I experienced all the health problems that came with it. I had chronic bronchitis (3-5x a year). I averaged a bout of pneumonia every 15-18 months or so, with two hospitalizations as a result. It was killing me. I tried to quit and failed so many times I cannot count; gum, patches, Chantix (scary stuff!), cold-turkey, etc. None of them worked for me. In January of 2014, I decided to try vaping and chose a strawberry waffle-flavored e-liquid. For the first time in over 30 years, it was something I could stick with and it worked for me! I stopped smoking cigarettes completely by the end of January 2014 and I have never looked back. My health has improved dramatically! I've had bronchitis once (summer 2014) since quitting and have had zero recurrences of pneumonia. I still vape, but now I use zero-nicotine flavored e-liquids. Vaping has quite literally saved my life. It has saved me tens of thousands in health care services and medications, spared me the time off work that was required when I was getting sick all the time, and my quality of life has improved exponentially. Flavored e-liquids are as targeted to children as flavored cigars, menthol cigarettes, flavored vodkas, whiskeys, and alcoholic flavored seltzer waters. They're not. Had it not been for choices in flavors, I do not believe I'd have been able to stick with it in lieu of smoking cigarettes. I do not believe allowing local governments to create nicotine/tobacco policy outside of state/federal mandates is appropriate. I am an adult capable of making these decisions for myself and am not interested in being the victim of more feel-good legislation attempts that resolve nothing, solve nothing, and stop nothing, but always seem to be extremely expensive and curtail rights. When federal/state/local governments become as interested in stopping flavored vodkas and whiskeys, fast food restaurants that are obvious contributors to the diabetes and heart disease epidemics in this country, maybe these efforts could be taken seriously. As it stands, it's another power grab. Please support HB517. Thank you. Brook Witt



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If it wasn't for vaping flavors I wouldn't have quit smoking.



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I strongly support HB517			



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Lawmakers, please fight for my right to choose the nicotine products that I decide to use. I don't believe that any of these companies are purposefully marketing to underaged people.



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I am whole heartedly in support of this bill. Former President Trump has already raised the federal age to purchase nicotine products to age 21. Vaping has literally saved my life as an ex cigarette smoker of 27 years. I have been vaping for the last seven years and it's difficult to describe how much better I feel since switching away from combustible cigarettes to vaping. I breathe so much better and have an enormous amount of renewed energy. Please help the vape business flourish and save future lives as well. Thank you.



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I was a 40 year tobacco smoker. When after tested I was told I had COPD from smoker I had to make decision to save my life. I choose to switch to vaping after All other methods, pills, patches, gum, and nasal sprays failed to work . I have stooped smoking cigarettes and have chosen vaping. My used flavor vapes to quit because the last thing I wanted to taste is nasty tobacco. I have cut down my nicotine intake from 24mg to 1 1/2mg my next step is to a 1/2mg. I understand the amount of money states and big tobacco has lost from vapors but we have earned the right to make our own chooses on how we want to quit. Tell me all truthfulness if you can sell liquor in the open, have marijuana on the shelves and cigarettes on the shelves then what is the difference if I have my nicotine vaping flavored liquid. I am saving my own life. Dont be like the other states that have banned liquids and have created a vast black market which has created all kinds of unsafe issues. My eliquid is a safer alternative 95 percent safer. Read the science do the math save lives. this industry has been made by the consumers for the consumers because no one seemed to care that millions are dying from smoking. Dont let Missouri be on the wrong side of science.



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The attack on vape products without doing research is unfortunate. I was a 25+ year 2 pack a day smoker and felt bad every morning when I woke up and had hard time breathing. I quit 7 years ago and have Vapes ever since and fell great, no heaviness on my chest in the mornings or hacking and coughing. The wide variety of flavors has been what kept me off cigarettes. If vaping was banned I don't know what I would do, for some they can quit cold turnkey and that works for them but for a lot of us it's not that easy and for the sake of my health I hope I get to make this choice for my self without the government saying what's good for me. Thanks for your time to read this.



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WITNESS NAME: DAVID OVERFELT		PHONE NUMBER: 573-636-2524	
REPRESENTING: MO RETAILERS ASSN; MO GROCERS ASSN.		TITLE:	
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CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65109
EMAIL: dave@moretailers.com	ATTENDANCE: In-Person		SUBMIT DATE: 4/14/2021 10:00 AM

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Members of the Downsizing State Government Committee, We Missouri retailers -- including neighborhood markets, convenience stores, gas stations, and small businesses -- urge you to support House Bill 517 to set uniform retail sales laws for tobacco and vapor products for all across Missouri. This includes the legal age of purchase for tobacco and vapor products to 21 years of age. We adhere to current Federal law and don't sell to 18-20 year olds. The federal government has responsibility to enforce Age 21, and state law needs to be the same to remove all business confusion and customer confrontation. Missouri retailers have been an important part of our communities for years. We provide a wide array of products and services in a convenient manner, employ members of the community, and participate in charitable activities in our towns. We and our employees take pride in stopping underage purchases and need one set of laws to abide by to continue doing so. House Bill 517 provides for a strong statewide uniform retail sales structure that is clearly defined and includes licensing and existing penalties for sales violations without impacting local authority over public use of these products. This will address our need as retailers for consistency and predictability across all units of government. House Bill 517 is very important to our business. We appreciate your consideration and support of this important issue.



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WITNESS NAME: DAVID TESSIER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: dtessier85@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/12/2021 5:13 PM
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As a legal adult user of vaping products and former cigarette smoker I feel that local government should keep out of such issues. 21+ should have access to what works for them regarding safer alternatives, whether it be flavors or products. I used to smoke a pack or 2 of cigarettes a day but I have remained cigarette free for the last 8 years because of vaping. In my own personal experience I can not vape traditional tobacco flavors and could not give up actual tobacco use until I switched to non tobacco flavors. If flavors became banned I would end up killing myself slowly by going back to tobacco products. Vaping has already taken far too many hits in just this past year alone. First with the introduction of the PMTA and now the vapemail ban. Companies that have been around for the 8+ years that I have been using these products are now gone from having to close up shop either from not being able to afford the PMTA requirements or now have no way to get the products to loyal customers they have had for years. All of this has taken place in the middle of a global pandemic. That's thousands and thousands of jobs just gone and thousands and thousands who no longer have access to the safer alternatives they had been using. People in rural areas with no brick and mortar vape shops near them no have no access. I personally have been affected by the vapemail ban because I can no longer order the flavors that helped me quit because my local shops don't carry what I use. I don't know what I will do if I need replacement parts to my devices. I'm lucky enough to live in a place I have a few options to shop at, many others are not. Local government should worry about their roads and improving the lives of the people who live in the places they were elected to serve, not about what legal products legal adults choose to use as a safer alternative to smoking. Besides I'm sure most do not have the medical backgrounds to be making any such decisions on health issues. It would do more harm than good. Stop killing an entire industry



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WITNESS NAME: DEBBIE HOCKADAY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Having access to vaping products saved my life after 35+ years of smoking. What helped in my success was the variety of flavors available, I have now been totally done with cigarettes for 9 years with zero relapses. My health has improved tremendously, adults need this option, do not take this away, it would drive people back to smoking and certain illness and possibly death



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WITNESS NAME: DONALD CLAIR GIER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: don@smokinhotmo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/3/2021 10:02 PM
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I am a 45 year old who has been vaping for 6 years. Before that I was a tobacco user for 19 years. I am in support of the state regulating vapor products as long as it is done in a fair manor with harm reduction as the goal. I believe the state should align with the federal government in the T21 laws.



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WITNESS NAME: FARRIS HENSLEY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am very supportive of this bill to ultimately allow the use of less harmful alternatives to smoking. I support political representatives Who respects the rights of those who choose to vape as an alternative to smoking.



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WITNESS NAME: FRED BAHHUR		PHONE NUMBER:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: fbahhur80@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/6/2021 3:45 PM
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I own a couple businesses that currently distribute this product and I am in favor.			



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WITNESS NAME: GARY GATES		PHONE NUMBER: 573-636-0445	
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI PARK & RECREATION ASSOCIATION		TITLE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	
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CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65109
EMAIL: gary@mopark.org	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/2/2021 1:21 PM

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Any thing the General Assembly can do to keep these items out of the hands of children and adolescents will only help to increase the overall health of Missourians. Healthy Missourians = lower health care costs.



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WITNESS NAME: GLENDA J DENSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: densong62@live.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/5/2021 10:38 PM
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Vaping has literally saved my life. I smoked cigarettes since I was 10 years old back when they were in a machine you put your change in pulled the handle on the cigarettes you wanted and went on. In 2013 a friend bought me my first vape pen and oil. It took a few months but I gradually stopped smoking cigarettes and went only to vaping. As time went on I have worked the level of nicotine I have in my from a 24 nicotine juice/oil to a 2 sometimes 4 nicotine. I can not stand the smell of cigarettes and tried to smoke a cigarette a few years ago and could not even take a puff off of it. Vaping saved my life because before I started vaping I suffered from pneumonia almost yearly, throat and lung infections, breathing difficulty, asthma. Now my lungs are clear and I know I am very lucky for that I could be like one of my friend and have COPD so bad I can't walk across a room. I have not had pneumonia, asthma symptoms, nor lung and throat infections for several years now. There is a vape shop in Joplin that makes the juice/oil right there when you order it. They are great, keep things clean and stay informed. We need to promote these small business's that provide a service to so many and encourage living smoke free. Please consider everything and help keep vaping and the use of smokeless tobacco products available to those that depend on them. Thank you for your consideration.



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WITNESS NAME: GREGORY JAMES CONLEY		PHONE NUMBER: 609-947-8059	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: AMERICAN VAPING ASSOCIATION		TITLE: PRESIDENT	
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On behalf of the American Vaping Association, a 501(c)(4) not-for-profit organization that advocates for policies to protect adult consumer freedom around the use of nicotine products, we proudly support HB 517. In the past, tobacco control organizations focused on preventing youth access. Today, thanks in no small part to \$160 million in funding from former NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg, these groups have changed their focus to prohibition. Tobacco regulation is a quintessential matter of state concern and should be dealt with only at the state level. Please stop these activist groups from lobbying governments to pass bans that will negatively impact adults in Missouri by supporting HB 517.



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WITNESS NAME: GUY WELCH		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: gconwe@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/5/2021 7:30 AM
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As a life long traditional tobacco user, beginning at at 13, I have discovered that vaping was the only successful way to stop. My wish is that those who were elected by the people would listen to those people and recognize the life saving attributes of vaping.



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WITNESS NAME: GWEN MCNEIL		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Laws are already in place that regulate the sale and taxation of non-tobacco nicotine products. We do not need our local governments overreaching in this area to further tax and regulate these items that help people stop smoking dangerous tobacco products.



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WITNESS NAME: JACOB ROBERTS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: jake0875@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/5/2021 11:50 AM
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As a free American adult I do not like the government telling me what kind of nicotine products I can or can't have. I'm 31 years old and have now been cigarette free for 3 years thanks to vaping and flavored e-liquid. E-cigarettes are a great form of harm reduction and should be embraced as such across the country. If every smoker would switch to vaping it would save hundreds of thousands of lives in a single year since smoking deaths are lead source of preventable deaths. Please don't punish the adults like me that rely on these products to remain smoke free. It should be the children's parents responsibility to make sure they aren't getting ahold of any nicotine products not the government's. Alcohol is legal to buy as long as you show your ID so that should be the same for vaping products and e-liquid too.



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WITNESS NAME: JAMES GLEASON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: jgleason1970@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/5/2021 1:53 PM
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After smoking 1 1/2 - 2 packs a day for 17 years, I quit smoking cigarettes by switching to vaping in 2014. I have not smoked since and have no urge to smoke. I began vaping with a 12 mg ejuce. Then eventually reduced to 6mg and then down to 3mg. Although I still vape today, I do not have any of the issues I had when smoking (shortness of breath, rapid heart rate, cough, dizziness headaches etc.) I do not and have never used tobacco flavored ejuce. I prefer the fruit, candy or dessert flavors and without those would more than likely still be smoking today.



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WITNESS NAME: JASON COOK		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: wet2402002@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/5/2021 7:31 AM
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I have been vapeing for awhile now and have been healthier then I was smoking and for me it is a cheaper option that will hopefully one day end with me quitting altogether if I can keep setting my self down to the lower nicotine amounts I don't care about flavors or any of that all I care about is my freedom to buy a product I feel is the best option for my self and with the laws being out in place at the federal level that has hurt this industry I worry that local laws will only father damage it and put people like myself out of luck with little or no choice and I personally really don't want to go back to smoking



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WITNESS NAME: JERAMY LANE HOLT		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: Jeramylaneholt@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/5/2021 10:15 AM
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I support this bill and its goals of keeping open debate, discovery and public scrutiny in the passing of legislation, specifically in regards to alternative smoking/cessation products. While I disagree with redefining the meaning of a minor from 18 to 21 years of age, the rest of the bill allows for more public scrutiny to legislation that impacts the public. As a disabled combat veteran, an adult should be granted all privileges' associated with becoming an adult, not a piece meal concept of separate ages for certain rights. If we decide that 21 is that age, then that should be the age in which a person can serve in the military, buy restricted items, and participate in adult activities (Gambling ect). I have faith in the state of Missouri to do the right thing in regards to such unreasonable political times. We are the Show Me State, and that means we don't act on feelings, show us the facts, prove your point, and react accordingly free of bias. So called experts cannot replace an individuals right to research and choose for themselves what suits their sensibilities. Life has inherent risks and it is up to individuals to decide for themselves what risks they are willing to take. Thank you for your consideration of my position on this current legislation, may we continue to make Missouri a good place to live, raise a family, and to strive for the American dream.



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WITNESS NAME: JOHN ,BURNS		PHONE NUMBER: 314-677-0617	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: STELLA BLUES VAPORS INC		TITLE:	
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A more uniform approach to laws and regulations needs to be enacted that affect small businesses at the state level. At the municipal level special interests groups are able to influence these smaller governing bodies with neither input or regard for small businesses.



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WITNESS NAME: JOHN BARRON HUCK		PHONE NUMBER: 314-599-6106	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: ECIG MANIA LLC		TITLE: PRESIDENT ECIG MANIA	
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EMAIL: ecigmania@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: In-Person		SUBMIT DATE: 4/5/2021 8:04 PM

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I'm a business owner in support of HB517 Missouri should align with federal law and I appreciate that the bill protects adults and small business from the special interest medical groups that are testifying against the bill.



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I wanted to express how multiple municipal ordinances create confusion for retailers and how this confusion has created lasting affects on our business. The other issue is special interest groups have worked to impact small business at the municipal level which often contradicts the current state laws and ordinances.



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EMAIL: mart1600hd@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/5/2021 6:55 PM
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Vaper products helped me quit smoking.			



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Vaping flavors was the only way i was able to stop smoking cigarettes after 17 years. i feel others need to be offered that same chance.



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Everything vape related or tobacco related should purely be up to consenting adult who choose to use them. Prohibition has never worked and this is no different.



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As a Missouri citizen, my ability to access low-risk vapor products shouldn't depend on what country or city I live in. I've been smoke-free for 12 years thanks to vapor products, kicking a 30+ year, 2+ pack-a-day smoking habit.



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NOTE: THIS TESTIMONY WILL BE EMAILED TO ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS WITH REFERENCES. PLEASE READ EMAILED VERSION. April 7, 2021 To: Members of the Missouri House of Representatives From: Americans for Tax Reform Dear Representative, On behalf of Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) and our supporters across Missouri, I urge you to support HB 517, a pro-taxpayer reform that would protect Missouri businesses and consumers from harmful regulations imposed by local governments on reduced risk tobacco alternatives, while establishing appropriate licensure and regulations regarding these products. The preemption provisions included in HB 517 are vital to protect both public health and the economy of Missouri. It is simply good governance that matters of this magnitude be decided at the state level, due to both the level of increased scrutiny, transparency and accountability it provides, but also the direct impact it has on state tax revenue should a product be banned. Retaining regulatory consistency and uniformity throughout the state in terms of tobacco policy will safeguard Missouri residents and businesses from poorly thought-out local restrictions and will protect the State Government's revenue stream in these uncertain times. It is the fundamental responsibility of state governments to protect their citizens. At times, these threats can come from local government officials. In the instance of tobacco harm reduction policies, local government officials act without the degree of scrutiny and accountability found at the state level. Similarly, lacking the expertise in healthcare policy, local restrictions and levies may act contrary to all available science and data, serving to restrict the ability of smokers to quit smoking with the help of reduced risk tobacco alternatives. Even if imposed at a city or county level, these regulations would have the capability to negatively impact the entire state. For instance, banning the sale of a certain product could lead to an increase in smuggling and the sale of illicit tobacco, adversely affecting state tax collections while increasing criminal activity. Restricting the use of electronic cigarettes, proven 95% safer than traditional combustible tobacco and twice as effective as more traditional nicotine replacement therapies, would lead to further strains on the state budget due to the healthcare costs incurred by people prevented from using them to quit smoking. State budgets would also be negatively affected through the forgoing of tax revenue from state income taxes caused by a burgeoning black market, caused by the smuggling of illicit products between different jurisdictions and sold without appropriate state taxes being paid. As such, protecting citizens from these policies is not only the moral thing to do, but also in the direct interest of lawmakers in Jefferson City. It is important to note that, contrary to some arguments made by opponents of this bill, "local control" at its core is about safeguarding individual liberties and restricting the growth of government; it is not a free pass for cities to do whatever they want. Localities are just as capable of being conduits for heavy-handed laws that will harm citizens. When that is at stake, state action is not only appropriate to

safeguard individual freedoms – it is essential. About E-Cigarettes and Vapor Products: Traditional combustible tobacco remains one of the leading preventable causes of death in Missouri. The negative health effects of combustible tobacco come from the chemicals produced in the combustion process, not the nicotine. While highly addictive, nicotine is a relatively benign substance like caffeine and nicotine use “does not result in clinically significant short- or long-term harms”. Nicotine replacement therapies such as nicotine patches and gums have helped smokers quit for decades. In recent years, advancements in technology have created a more effective alternative: vapor products and e-cigarettes. These products deliver nicotine through water vapor, mimicking the habitual nature of smoking while removing the deadly carcinogens that exist in traditional cigarettes. Benefits of E-Cigarettes and Vapor Products: Vapor products have been proven to be 95% safer than combustible cigarettes and twice as effective at helping smokers quit than traditional nicotine replacement therapies. Vaping has been endorsed by over 30 of the world’s leading public health organizations as safer than smoking and an effective way to help smokers quit. Just last month, a new analysis by Public Health England demonstrated just how effective vaping is in helping people quit smoking, noting that in just one year, over 50,000 British smokers, who would have continued smoking otherwise, quit smoking with vaping. Studies have repeatedly shown that flavors, which HB 517 would stop localities from banning, are critical to helping adult smokers make the switch to vaping. Adults who use flavored vapor products are 43% more likely to quit smoking than an adult who uses un-flavored products, according to a recent study from ten of the world’s top experts in cancer prevention and public health. A University of Glasgow study showed that e-cigarettes particularly help disadvantaged persons quit smoking. Another new study demonstrated that high-strength electronic nicotine products are particularly helpful for smokers with mental health issues quit smoking, like people with schizophrenia who smoke at rates more than three times the national average. Some 40% of participants had stopped smoking traditional cigarettes by the end of 12 weeks and researchers observed an overall, sustained 50% reduction in smoking or complete smoking abstinence in 92.5% of participants at the end of 12 weeks. HB 517 will have a tremendous impact on public health and would decrease socioeconomic disparities significantly as it will prevent localities from prohibiting life-saving treatment. Evidence demonstrates that flavors play no role in youth uptake of vaping. Academic studies have found that teenage non-smokers “willingness to try plain versus flavored varieties did not differ” and a mere 5% of vapers aged 14-23 reported it was flavors that drew them to e-cigarettes. National Youth Tobacco Survey results have shown no increase in nicotine dependency among youths since flavored products entered the market. Vapor products would save nearly 125,000 lives if a majority of Missouri smokers made the switch to vaping, extrapolating from a large-scale analysis performed by leading cancer researchers and coordinated by Georgetown University Medical Centre. HB 517 would protect consumers and businesses across Missouri, ensure state tax collections are not depressed by misguided local regulations, and would prevent a patchwork of ordinances that would make Missouri a more expensive place to do business, all while also damaging public health. It is imperative for state lawmakers to use their power to safeguard their constituents from harmful policies. As such, I urge you to support and vote Yes on House Bill 517. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further comments, Tim Andrews Director of Consumer Issues Americans for Tax Reform



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My name is Karl Crawford, I live in rural Benton County. I am a 40 year old father of two and a former smoker. At times I was smoking three packs of cigarettes a day and smoked at least 2 packs a day for approximately 15 years. I tried everything to quit smoking including pharmaceutical drugs, patches, gum, etc., etc., etc. I began vaping in December of 2016 and have not had a cigarette since. I breathe easier, feel better, and don't cough, my O2 saturation has drastically improved. I believe vaping has added years to my life. I vape fruity flavors almost exclusively and use nicotine pouches to curve cravings while at work. If I could not vape I honestly believe that I would start smoking cigarettes again and my health would be in jeopardy. I am truly a nicotine addict and feel that alternative nicotine products are my only choice and option to a healthier lifestyle.



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Hello, my name is, Kathryn Rice. I am a small business owner of a vapor store located in, Mexico, MO. And I am writing in hopes to help encourage the passing of this bill in local government. I work very diligently to avoid sales to minors. Carding my customers prior to purchases.



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We want only state level legislation to consistently regulate vaping products. And, since President Trump already federally raised the age to 21, Missouri should align with the law and eliminate municipalities randomly creating legislation that is not in line with Federal and State legislation.



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The state of Missouri should follow the federal government's law that nicotine products only be available to adults over the age of 21. Local governments, however, should not be allowed to ban access to nicotine vapor products that would help an adult smoker switch. Consumers should not be punished with flavor bans and/or excise taxes. Some folks throw around the term "Big Vape" but the vapor industry is small business owned and consumer driven. Missouri should be supporting these small business owners who take pride in helping adults quit combustible tobacco.



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It is very important to many Missourians, and myself, that this bill be considered to loosen the restrictions on nicotine and flavored vapes. i've been cigarette free for 4 years and I hope to continue.



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Minors should not be allowed to purchase tobacco. Local government should not be allowed to make their own rules. I started vaping 6 years ago. My health has improved dramatically. I have done research on the products that I use. I will continue to vape to stay away from tobacco and the constant bronchitis that I used to have.



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One of the most important reasons for preempting local regulation of tobacco and nicotine products is the observation that city and town officials are not typically steeped in public health training, nor do they possess backgrounds in science. Since most of the day-to-day work of a city council involves making sure that roads get paved and budgets are balanced, local officials are typically not trained to make public health policy decisions. local governments are at the mercy of experts and activists when it comes to receiving and deliberating over information about any particular issue. In many cases, officials are pressured to rush anti-nicotine regulations through the process by declaring an emergency and side-stepping any drawn out debate on the matter. This is a move informed mostly by emotion over-seasoned with scary out-of-context statistics about youth use. Preemption would serve as a remedy to the manipulation of local officials' feelings about smoking, vaping, and substance use. Restricting decisions about public health regulation to a more deliberative state legislature also provides more opportunities for all stakeholders to have their voices heard.



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I am a 63 yr old Female, and Vaping is the ONLY thing that has worked to help me become a NON TOBACCO SMOKER. I have now been a NON-Tobacco Smoker for 8 yrs due to Vaping. PLEASE do not allow regulations on these products that will limit access for adults. Vaping is a safer alternative to smoking tobacco and IT WORKS !!!



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Flavor helped me quit smoking I been tobacco free for 10 years because of my choice of flavoring that I like



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Please pass this so there will be consistent rules across the board in MO.



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Vaping has stopped me from smoking cigarettes for the last 6 years. It has improved my health in so many ways. I used to get pneumonia, respiratory infections, and similar illnesses often. Since I've started vaping I haven't had these sicknesses once. It has helped me in so many ways.



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i smoked for over 40 yrs, found vaping and i quit smoking. it saved my life , as well as others.



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So many people I know, myself included, have been able to quit smoking thanks to tobacco alternatives like vaping, and we are ALL healthier for it. Putting a ban on flavors is not going to keep minors from using tobacco or tobacco alternatives, and I don't feel it's right to take away ADULTS' choices for this reason. There are countless "fun" and candy/sweet flavors alcohols on the market, usually in full view of minors at the store, and no one says anything about "what about the CHILDREN" when it comes to that. Vaping and other tobacco alternatives save lives, and the choice of flavors should be available to anyone of legal age who enjoys using them.



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I'm a daily user of egg andvvhave been for 6 yrs. Cigarette user for 47 yrs and retired Critical Care RN for over 25 yrs. Makes me 71 yrs old. My lungs are clearer than they ever been, no coughing, wheezing and never diagnosed with pneumonia. I love love using the alternative egig with nicotine and knowing it does not contain any other cancer causing additives. Nicotine has never been proven to cause cancer. It's my choice, my right to use this.



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My husband had a massive heart attack in 2014, that day was the last time he smoked a cigarette (I quit a couple months the later). Neither of us would have been able to quit if not for the option to vape. Today, eight years later, he is healthy, rides his bike 12 miles most days and has lost 50#. He just turned 65 and I have no doubt that without baking as an option to us, he would NOT be where he is today. Please continue to make our lives free to choose our paths, which is truly the American dream!



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Missouri needs to have the same laws as the Federal law. I support T21I don't necessarily agree with it but feel it is important. I feel if you are old enough to vote, go into the military, then you should be able to smoke or vape. We need to follow federal law and be T21. It makes it hard for business and individuals to know what we are supposed to do and where we can go. You can travel across a river for 10 minutes to purchase cigarettes but you can't go next door because you live in a county that supports t21.



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Just wanna start off by saying, switching to ecigs has helped me out more then you know. I can breath better and be more physical with my kids. The science will show this is a safer alternative. They say this industry attracts kids, for Pete sakes so does alcohol, what 18 year old girl don't wanna try bubble gum vodka. We are all grown adults and can make our own decision, and that's how it should be left. The government shouldn't be able to control what Method I choose to deliver my nicotine. I would strongly urge you guys to allow this bill to pass, and not take away our rights. Thanks.



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Neither I nor any of my friends who vape are minors. We have successfully used vaping to quit up to two pack a day addiction. I feel you have no authority to remove this right from us. I am very thankful for vaping as are my friends and relatives. Thank you.



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WITNESS NAME: ROSEMARY FOGARTY		PHONE NUMBER: 314-566-0434	
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I am in favor of prohibiting local government regulation of vapor products. It would create an unfair advantage to businesses who's local governments might want to pass some harmful legislation banning these products. As a business owner who had to endure my local government changing the age restriction before all other counties, I feel this could be potentially harmful to some businesses while the ones in the next city thrive. And it gets too confusing when one county or municipality allows something and the next one doesn't. Statewide consistency on all regulations is needed.



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I think it's a good idea to change the legal age. These products were designed for adults to help stop smoking traditional cigarettes.



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I think this law is a fair law to the people of Missouri.			



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I feel that vaping products should remain legal and available. Including the flavored juices as that is one of the reasons people have told me they have been able to quit smoking cigarettes. They said the flavors didn't cause such a craving. I've had people tell me they had tried everything else to quit, including medications that were expensive and had some pretty bad side effects. They said using vaping products they were able to quit smoking and it was relatively inexpensive. Some claim vaping is a gateway to smoking, but statistics have not show that to be the case. I feel adults should be able to make choices for themselves.



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MO needs to align with what president trump did by raising the age to 21. I am an older adult that vaping saved myLife.



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Vaping has allowed many to stop smoking including myself. When cities and towns pass ordinances that restrict the availability of vaping products it forces many to return to the much less safe alternative of returning to tobacco use. We have already been severely affected by the pact act. We must stop the restrictions on vaping.



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After losing a spouse to throat cancer 8 years ago I have switched to vapor and so have my adult children with my encouragement



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Local governments banning flavored Vape products is harmful to adult former smokers like myself. I smoked for years and was only able to stop by using flavored vapor products. I'm now down to a minimal nicotine level and my health is much better.



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As an older adult of 57 years of age, I feel that I am capable of deciding for myself whether I should use nicotine-based products or not. I certainly don't need the government to do it for me.



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About 7 years ago, I purchased my first e-cigarette/nicotine vapor product. At the time I had been smoking cigarettes for almost 15 years. When I bought the e-cigarette I wasn't trying to quit smoking cigarettes. I actually enjoyed smoking cigarettes (but not everyone does). I figured I could at least save some money by using an e-cigarette sometimes. After using my e-cigarette (while still smoking cigarettes) for about a week and a half, I ran out of cigarettes. Usually, I'd already have another pack of cigarettes or if not, I'd go buy another pack. This time, I thought "let's see what happens" and didn't buy another pack right away. The next day, I didn't buy another pack of cigarettes and the same thing the day after that and so on. This is how I quit smoking cigarettes. That's how easy it can be for someone to quit smoking cigarettes, which kill around 480,000 people a year. I also worked at a vape shop for over a year where I was able to help a few hundred people quit smoking cigarettes and continue to stay smoke free. I never had a customer who had problems with staying away from cigarettes. I'd say the most difficult thing for someone who wants to quit smoking cigarettes by trying an e-cigarette is getting the right device, right flavor and right nicotine level. Which isn't hard at all. Having/spreading incorrect information about vaping and e-cigarettes may deter present cigarette smokers from realizing how easy quitting can be. If you have any questions about vaping and e-cigarettes, here is the link to The Safer Nicotine Wiki:

https://safernicotine.wiki/mediawiki/index.php/Main_Page Have a nice day. Tim Michler



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I smoked cigarettes for 25 years. I wanted to quit smoking and tried nicotine gum, nicotine patches, and Chantix with no positive results. I decided to try vaping and since the very same day I started vaping, I have not smoked a cigarette. I have no desire to smoke a cigarette. That was over six years ago. Since then, I feel better, can breathe easier, my teeth are Whiter, and my blood pressure dropped to a healthy level. I have also lowered my nicotine level from 24mg to 1mg. There is no doubt that vaping has improved the quality of life and my overall health.



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I am an adult consumer that would rather have the state consistently regulate vaping products. And, since President Trump already federally raised the age to 21, Missouri should align with the law to eliminate the patchwork of law across the state.



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This vaping thing is so much better than smoking.. I do not understand why you insist on trying to band this. Smoking is so bad but you don't try to stop the purduction of them. Alcoholics are so bad cause deaths quite often you don't stop the purduction of alcohlic drinks. The government has so maney problems right now voting, imagination, financing.unemployment just to name a few.



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Thanks to Vaping and the flavor liquids i was able to stop smoking I made the switch to having C.O.P.D. having to use inhailers and other medications due to breathing issues.I no longer require any medication and can breath normal again i as well lost my upper and some of my lower teeth due to tobacco use not to mention bone and other matter being removed from my upper jaw i am now healthy and happy thanks to vaping



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I managed to quit smoking after 35 years using e-cig technology. I have now been cigarette free for 7years. This would not have occurred without the help of ecigs. I had attempted to quit smoking numerous times using nicotine gum, prescription medicines and the like without success. I started at a higher dose of nicotine and am currently using ecigs without nicotine at all.I believe it would be a disservice to ban any type of ecig flavors or technology. The one that you ban might be the one that allows someone to quit smoking.



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I have switched from smoking for 20yrs to vaping an with flavors. My favorite is fruit flavors an alot of us choose flavors because we quit smoking an dont want to taste tobacco anymore an I couldn't stand the tobacco flavors. We are adults why are take thing away from us ????? I understand the kids but you don't need to take it from us adults. I believe all your going to accomplish with this is make things worse. You guys need to worry about more important things than vaping it saves lives.



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Date: April 13, 2021 To: Chairman Baker and Members of the Downsizing State Government Committee
From: Angela Brown, CEO, St. Louis Regional Health Commission RE: In opposition to HB 517
Dear Chairman Baker and Members of the Downsizing State Government Committee, My name is Angela Brown, and on behalf of the St. Louis Regional Health Commission (RHC), I am writing in opposition to HB 517. The RHC is a non-profit organization representing hospital systems, community health centers, community non-profits, providers, and patients. We ask you to oppose HB 517 to allow localities to continue passing laws to help their communities prevent disease and improve public health. We all know smoking cigarettes kills. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), cigarette smoking causes one in five deaths in the United States. Smokers are 2-4 times more likely to develop heart disease (the number one killer in Missouri), as well as 25 times more likely to develop lung cancer. Smoking also causes diminished overall health, increased work absenteeism, and increased health care costs. We commend Representative Shaul for trying to raise the minimum age for tobacco sales from 18 to 21. A 2015 report by the National Academy of Medicine demonstrated that raising the tobacco age to 21 improves public health by significantly reducing the number of adolescents and young adults who start smoking and the number of smoking-caused deaths. However, the RHC is opposed to removing local authority to create laws around the sale of tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, and vapor products. In Missouri, local governments were the first to pass indoor smoke-free laws to protect the public from second-hand smoke. This bill endangers the ability of local governments to pass these kinds of regulations moving forward. At the RHC, we want to ensure localities can continue passing laws to help their communities thrive, assist in the prevention of chronic disease and death, and protect patients living with underlying conditions. We encourage you to oppose HB 517. Local government should have the ability to protect the health of its residents. Thank you for your time and consideration. Angela Brown, CEO St. Louis Regional Health Commission



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I shall fight hard to leave vaping products on the market. I began smoking at the age of 17. I know how addictive and harmful cigarettes can be. I have been smoke free for 21 years, but many in my family and many friends did not "break" the habit. I had a sister-in-law die from COPD. She smoked up to her last breath. What would have been the outcome if she would have had a choice. Vaping is the first effective and the safest tool available to assist in breaking the habit of smoking. As long as you leave cigarettes on the market, you have absolutely no business removing vaping products from the market.



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WITNESS NAME: BRIAN BERNSKOETTER		PHONE NUMBER: 573-636-2822	
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS		TITLE:	
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1) Minors are going to find a way to get do things that are bad for them. It doesn't matter what they taste like. If that is the real issue then we should stop making alcoholic beverages that taste like fruit or dessert.2) Vaping helps a lot of people (most of the people I know actually) quit smoking. Then you can step down the nicotine content. Then you just have to break the habit & not the habit & an addiction at the same time.3) Isn't it my right as an adult to vape if I want to? I can drink a pina colada & carry a gun & own a wolf & smoke Marlboro Reds but I can't have a blueberry flavored vape bc people can't properly monitor their children?



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WITNESS NAME: CHRISTOPHER HAAKE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Vaping has helped me kick cigarettes and chewing tobacco.



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WITNESS NAME: CLAUDIA RODAS		PHONE NUMBER: 202-296-5469	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: CAMPAIGN FOR TOBACCO-FREE KIDS		TITLE: DIRECTOR, SOUTHERN REGION	
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The Campaign For Tobacco-Free Kids is the leading advocacy organization working to reduce tobacco use and its deadly consequences in the United States and around the world. We are submitting testimony in opposition to HB 517. This bill has several measures that would benefit only the tobacco and e-cigarette industry. It's a tactic straight from Big Tobacco's playbook to put forth a seemingly promising policy of updating Missouri's law to meet the federal age of sale for tobacco products and muddle it with provisions and exceptions for the industry that would perpetuate the unregulated environment that has allowed the industry and its allies to addict the next generation to their deadly products. This bill lacks the effective protections needed to address today's youth tobacco epidemic and blocks localities from being able to pass and enforce proven policies that would do so. Corporate special interests across the country are using their power to push state legislators to keep local governments from passing workplace, health, safety and anti-discrimination protections — even overturning election results — to push a national, corporate agenda. When state legislators stop communities from passing their own laws, they silence the voice of the people, rob local democracies of their power, and hurt the communities' health, safety, and economic wellbeing. Instead, state legislators should be working hand-in-hand with local communities to fight against special interests' groups, like the tobacco industry who has a long history of targeting the most vulnerable populations like communities of color, the LGBTQ communities, the mental health communities and lower socioeconomic communities. We need the assistance from all levels of government to address the different needs of each community. If the state wants to get involved, they should make laws a "floor" - not a ceiling and lay a foundation they can build on to reflect the facts of life in each individual community. If you truly want to address tobacco usage in Missouri, you must enact policies that are known to protect public health. Please put youth and families ahead of business interests.



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WITNESS NAME: CORY JACOB WACK		PHONE NUMBER:	
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18 to 21 aren't minors so the title of the bill is already problematic by the name.



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WITNESS NAME: CRAIG DDCHANDLER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Dear representatives, Several years ago I was smoking a pack and a half of cigarettes a day. Since I started using vape products I no longer smoke cigarettes. Please do not put a ban on the flavors. Just because something has a flavor does not mean that it is marketed toward children. There are flavors of ice cream, cereal and Pop-Tarts. All three of those things are absolutely horrible for your health and you don't have to be 18 years old to purchase them. Of course underage children are going to get their hands on a vape. You can get pretty much whatever you want depending on how badly you want it no matter how old you are. But the overwhelming majority of teens do not get their hands on these nicotine products. I am an adult who is very capable of making my own decisions. Please do not make them for me. Sincerely, A Missouri citizen



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Stop this ridiculous bill.			



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EMAIL: fmidarrel@hotmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/3/2021 10:50 PM

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There is no need to enact more rules on vaping as federal laws are already in place for it.



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WITNESS NAME: DENISE HOOKS-ANDERSON, MD		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: denise.hooksanderson@health.slu.edu	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/7/2021 11:24 AM
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As a volunteer of the American Heart Association (AHA), I urge the committee to oppose HB 517 – preempting local control on the sale of tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, and vapor products. I am adamantly opposed to the implementation of preemption on localities. Heart disease is the number one killer in the U.S. and in our state. As you know, smoking only increases the risk of heart disease and stroke by 2 to 4 times. We have taken steps to improve the health of people across our state. My community was one of the first to implement Tobacco 21 laws and other local governments across the state were the first to pass indoor smoke-free laws. The ability of these local officials to pass these kinds of regulations is now at risk with HB 517. We want to make sure cities, towns, counties, and local health entities continue to have the option to build on this progress – passing laws and ordinances to help their communities thrive, assisting in the prevention of cardiovascular disease and protecting patients living with these underlying conditions. HB 517 is a direct violation of local control and limits our community's ability to pass regulations keeping our citizens safe. For these reasons, I again ask the committee to oppose this legislation. I invite further discussion at denise.hooksanderson@health.slu.edu



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Electronic cigarettes helped me quit smoking.			



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WITNESS NAME: EMILY KALMER		PHONE NUMBER: 314-518-5145	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY CANCER ACTION NETWORK		TITLE: MISSOURI GOVERNMENT RELATIONS DIRECTOR	
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EMAIL: emily.kalmer@cancer.org	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 4/6/2021 12:37 PM	
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Written Testimony in Opposition to House Bill 517 On behalf of the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) and those we serve, I am writing to express opposition to House Bill 517. ACS CAN advocates for public policies that will help prevent cancer at all levels of government. For instance, comprehensive, local smoke-free laws and ordinances are proven policies that have contributed to the overall reduction in cancer deaths in recent years. Numerous communities in Missouri have worked with their local officials through the existing local public health authority to adopt these life-saving measures that go beyond state laws. Many more local communities in Missouri continue to work to advance proven public health measures, such as comprehensive, smoke-free workplace ordinances. Tobacco use remains the nation's number one cause of preventable death. Despite this, the tobacco industry, in an effort to negate local legislation, has developed as one of its chief legislative strategies the removal of local authority to regulate tobacco. In recent years, this industry strategy has been employed in attempts to include preemption of local authority in Tobacco 21 bills in several states. HB 517 follows this same pattern. Missouri continues to trail the country in the adoption of proven tobacco policies at the state level. As an organization, we oppose efforts to preempt strong local efforts that play an important role in the fight against cancer, and ask the committee to reject legislation that would impede that role in the future. Unfortunately, due to the public health emergency, I am unable to visit the Capitol to appear in-person to answer questions at the committee hearing. As a public- health organization representing many immunocompromised individuals, we have restricted our in-person activities for the time being. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss our concerns with committee members, your staff, or colleagues and can be reached at 314-518-5145 or emily.kalmer@cancer.org.



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WITNESS NAME: ERIN GABERT		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: eringabert1977@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/6/2021 1:07 PM
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It is clear to me that this bill has nothing to do with eliminating tobacco use among minors and everything to do with appeasing tobacco companies and their desire to continue profiting off of addiction and the premature deaths of thousands of Missourians who use their deadly products. The language in this bill which prevents local municipalities from regulating tobacco products according to the needs of their communities is a tremendous overreach. It is appalling to me that our state which is primarily led by Republicans would be pushing for a bill that in my belief goes against the core values of the Republican party. Republicans pride themselves in fighting against government overreach and for states rights yet apparently it stops there. Have we decided that we want states to retain their rights but cities are preempted from maintaining theirs? Missouri is a beautifully diverse state with thriving urban and rural communities and it is imperative that we acknowledge that they most likely have very different needs. To prevent them from making decisions based on their specific needs is unconscionable and does not reflect the values that Missouri is built on.



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EMAIL: geochahoud@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/7/2021 12:56 PM
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As a cardiologist and volunteer of the American Heart Association (AHA), I urge the committee to oppose HB 517 – preempting local control on the sale of tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, and vapor products. I am adamantly opposed to the implementation of preemption on localities. Heart disease is the number one killer in the U.S. and in our state. As you know, smoking only increases the risk of heart disease and stroke by 2 to 4 times. We have taken steps to improve the health of people across our state. My community was one of the first to implement Tobacco 21 laws and other local governments across the state were the first to pass indoor smoke-free laws. The ability of these local officials to pass these kinds of regulations is now at risk with HB 517. We want to make sure cities, towns, counties, and local health entities continue to have the option to build on this progress – passing laws and ordinances to help their communities thrive, assisting in the prevention of cardiovascular disease and protecting patients living with these underlying conditions. HB 517 is a direct violation of local control and limits our community's ability to pass regulations keeping our citizens safe. For these reasons, I again ask the committee to oppose this legislation. I invite further discussion at geochahoud@gmail.com



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WITNESS NAME: HENRY J SCHAEFER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: schaferhenryj@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/6/2021 7:44 AM
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As a long time user of vapor products who has also worked in the industry early on in its development I have first hand knowledge of vapor shops self policing and being extremely strict on under age purchases well before it was legally required. Now to say that these products saved my life is an understatement I can breathe again due to these products while still getting whatever level of nicotine fix I need to keep my mental sanity in stressful situations. What I find atrocious are these constant attacks on solely this industry Under the guise of wanting to protect your constituents. If flavors are marketed for children than why is that not a blanket across the board statement. Alcohols have been flavored for ages now and are certainly not intended for children but still are marketed in fun vibrant manners that would certainly appeal to children. I have used vaping in two ways. To get off cigarettes and to cut down my sugar intake due to candy consumption. I only vape fruity and candy flavors because tobacco doesn't take good it never has and never will. I am 27 going on 28 and have been paying taxes in Missouri since I was 17. Why must we continue to try and strip my and others rights under the guise of safety for others. Should it not fall on operators and employees of any stores selling such products to check Id (which they do) and for that matter the parents of children to be aware and attentive in what their child is getting into. These are all simple excuses which seem to be pushed by lobbyists and its gone on for far to Long.



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WITNESS NAME: JAMES J BROGAN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: ajfrog@charter.net	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/5/2021 7:32 AM
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I was a pack a day smoker for 50 years. I've had asthma all my life and smoking caused me shortness of breath and wheezing to the point of keeping me from doing normal things. Two years ago I quit with the help of ENDS products. Also known as vaping. What a difference. Gum, patches, et al never ceased the addiction for cigarettes. Vaping has. I truly believe companies and manufacturers do a fantastic job keeping vape products away from minors. And I agree with that. I also believe there are more lethal matters that minors need protection from Leave vaping to adults. Thank you!



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I am an adult consumer who has been vaping for about 10yrs, saved my life. I strongly feel we should continually let the State regulate vaping products.



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WITNESS NAME: JENNA WINTERBERG		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Good afternoon,I am writing to encourage you to oppose HS517. I ask that you work on behalf of Missouri citizens to protect local control, giving citizens more choices, more freedoms, and more opportunities. For example, I live in Columbia where we have a city-wide tobacco 21 ordinance that allows our local government to do compliance checks with tobacco retailers. This policy was implemented by our local government in response to citizen advocacy to protect local youth from addictive tobacco products. We can make the best decisions for our community's health and safety when we have control at the local level. Please protect our right to set our own terms for our own towns. Thank you,Jenna Winterberg



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Vaping saved my life. I was a heavy smoker until I quit on Thanksgiving day of 2013. My lungs were somewhat cloudy the last x-ray I had before then. The short story is I quit smoking and switched to vaping and the next x-ray I had was a lot cleaner. Vaping saved my lungs and my life.



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I smoke for years and started vaping and was able to get off a cigarettes is vaping 100% safe no nothing is that's why you still sell alcohol it is just as dangerous I agree with having to be over 21 to buy vaping products and related juices. But banning flavors will not stop children and teens from trying to smoke they will just move back to cigarettes and flavored chewing tobacco and snus so all you're doing is putting the problem back into the tobacco industry when I was a kid if I wanted to smoke I never bought anything I stole it from my parents or got someone to buy me cigarettes as a vapor it my health has greatly improved and my breathing is also improved. I also feel if you want to tax a vapor products that should be done but it should be handled as an addition to the sales tax not the excise tax that you use on cigarettes.



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I started smoking way before I turned 18 I quit smoking with vaping and if I did not have flavors that would've been impossible



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I gave up cigarettes and went to vaping almost 10 years ago. I now have to purchase my vape items from the internet as both local stores had to close. Since I switched to vaping I no longer wheeze when I breathe.



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I am opposed to HB517 as written. The only good part of this bill is that it raises age for sale of tobacco products to 21 from 18 throughout the state (matching the federal law that raised sales age to 21). The current state law and this proposed bill are not aligned with tobacco control best practices of: 1) requiring a license to sell tobacco products; 2) having penalties directed at the business owner for underage sales violations; and 3) no delineated mechanism, authority, or funding to educate/monitor businesses for enhancing compliance to retailers who sell products illegally to underage young people. The worst part of this bill is the removing the power of local governments to regulate tobacco sales. As noted above the bill does not provide for mechanisms to ensure the law will work as intended. Taking away the regulatory power of local governments to enforce the federal sales age of 21 will take away ongoing effective local compliance programs in multiple Missouri communities. This bill should be amended to: include the three best practices mentioned (require a state issue license to sell tobacco/vape products; place penalties for sales to underage youth on the business owner; and fund a compliance program) and remove the preemptive language that prohibits local governments from regulating tobacco sales. Unfortunately, this bill consolidates the authority for regulating tobacco sales entirely to the state with not budget to do so --- this bill does not Downsize State Government. There is an ongoing epidemic of youth uptake of smoking and vaping that needs to be addressed. This bill as written will not help.



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Preemption of public health policies is bad for public health and bad for communities. Local leaders have a better feel for their communities and should be able to lead in public health. As a parent, I am grateful that the county I live in has been able to locally regulate the sale of tobacco products, vapor products, and alternative nicotine products to minors. Our community (St. Louis County) was one of the trailblazers of the Tobacco 21 campaign, and I know many many people, including the teenagers who were active in testifying in support of Tobacco 21, who would be disappointed and outraged to see this decision taken out of our local lawmakers' hands. I don't really understand what it has to do with "downsizing government," either. In fact, it kind of seems like it would only create more work for the state government. You're trying to fix something that isn't broken. It may seem like a win in your minds (although I still do not see how it is a win, and for whom, except the tobacco companies) in the short-term, but you are neglecting the long-term impact this decision will have. Vapes, e-cigarettes, and other alternative nicotine products tend to create new tobacco addicts. Considering the stronghold the tobacco industry has on our state capitol, I see this bill as being only detrimental to the health of our youth. I'm sure there are issues that are a better use of your time than this.



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As a representative of the American Lung Association (ALA), I am writing with concern about HB 517 before your committee modifying local tobacco control. The American Lung Association works across Missouri to improve lung health. We regularly work with leaders from the local and state government to help address critical lung health issues. For example, smokefree indoor air policies and Tobacco 21 policies. Local communities have been the first to enact these policies. The success of these efforts is a credit to local officials and community members working as a democracy to secure their rights and make their voices heard. When local control comes under attack, it threatens not only the right for local leaders to govern their people but the right of people to take ownership of their town, on their terms. Local control gives citizens more choices, more freedoms, and more opportunity. We ask that you oppose all legislation preempting local tobacco control. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. Thank you, Leah Martin Director, Advocacy American Lung Association – MO



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I am opposed to this bill for the simple fact that by age 14 kids who are prone to risk taking are using Tobacco products everyday. It may appear that raising the age to 21 will force these teens to quit but that is not the reality. I started smoking before I was 14. When I became 14 I had a full time job and my parents allowed me to smoke at home & every where. Passing this law will insure these younger kids will not be able to switch to a safer nicotine product like snus or ecigs. We advocate letting 14 yr Olds quit with a gum or patch but not the most successful product to come into the market? That is harmful and short sighted.



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On behalf of the American Heart Association (AHA), I urge the committee to oppose HB 517 – preempting local control on the sale of tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, and vapor products. While we commend the bill sponsor on their attempt to update tobacco statutes for our state, there are several edits that could be made for comprehensive change. However, we are adamantly opposed to the implementation of preemption on localities. Heart disease is the number one killer in the U.S. and in our state. And smoking increases the risk of heart disease and stroke by 2 to 4 times. So, here in Missouri, we have taken steps to improve the health of people across our state. For example, local governments were the first to pass indoor smoke-free laws, but the ability of these local officials to pass these kinds of regulations is now at risk. We want to make sure cities, towns, counties, and local health entities continue to have the option to build on this progress - passing laws and ordinances to help their communities thrive, assisting in the prevention of cardiovascular disease and protecting patients living with these underlying conditions. HB 517 is a direct violation of local control and limits our community's ability to pass regulations keeping our citizens safe. For these reasons, I again ask the committee to oppose this legislation.



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The Brain Injury Association of Missouri (BIA-MO) is opposed to HB 517 and other legislation that preempts local control on health and safety related issues. Although HB 517 relates only to the sale of tobacco, alternative nicotine and vapor products, preemption legislation limits the responsibility and ability of local communities to pass legislation to keep local residents safe. Please oppose HB 517 that preempt local control.



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It was already raised to 21+ just like alcohol is 21+. It's not for sale for minors and adults are civilian, tax payers of this state and country and have a right to what we chose to put in our bodies. Nicotine is in the same category as caffeine. Are you going to ban all coffee, tea, soda etc???? It's making people obese. It is not your right to tell me what to use to keep myself off cigarettes. The FDA regulated smoking cessation choices are flavored as well. And don't work because I tried them all before vaping got me off cigarettes 6yrs ago. I'm 43yrs old and I've done my research. More teens are drinking alcohol and dieing!!! And smoking Marijuana than vaping. So stop lying and start helping the people of our Community and Country get off cigarettes.



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This bill restricts adults from purchasing vape and flavor products. I'm an adult and should be allowed to order these items from any company selling them. Why punish everyone for some minors that are going to end up getting whatever they are determined to get. Vaping is how I was able to quit cigarettes for well over 4 years now.



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I am retired after a 45-year career in public health, with the last 18 years focused on lessening the impact of tobacco on youth, adults, public health, and economy. Increasing the minimum sales age for tobacco products from 18 to 21 will reduce youth access to tobacco products, youth initiation to tobacco use, and will lead to fewer youth becoming addicted to nicotine. But, active monitoring of retailers for sales to minors with swift enforcement action is necessary for this to be effective. Unfortunately, HB517 merely changes 18 to 21 without any changes for retailer compliance checks or enforcement. However, a much worse feature is the explicit preemption of any existing or future local ordinances regarding the regulation of the sale of tobacco products. This would nullify Tobacco21 ordinances in at least 30 communities with a total population of more than 2.5 million Missourians. And would eliminate retailer compliance checks by local authorities. Beginning in 2011, the federal Food & Drug Administration has contracted with the Department of Mental Health, which has subcontracted with the Department of Public Safety to conduct retailer compliance checks. But, in these past 10 years, some retailers have not even been visited once. Unless a violation was noted to require a follow-up compliance check, many of the retailers have not received a second visit. The COVID pandemic sharply reduced the number of compliance checks in Missouri – going from 4,266 in 2019 to 998 in 2020 – less than one quarter that for 2019. Compliance checks by local authorities mean more frequent visits and quicker enforcement for violators selling to underage youth. Eliminating local authority as per HB517 virtually means the unscrupulous retailers will be given free rein to sell to youth with little chance of getting caught. FDA data show rates of retailer compliance in not selling tobacco to youth is notably higher in those Missouri communities that have enacted local Tobacco21 ordinances compared to the remainder of the state. The difference? Local ordinances means more frequent compliance checks and quicker enforcement, which leads to better and quicker retailer compliance (which also levels the field for the honest tobacco retailers). In the past, the industry fought tooth-and-nail to oppose Tobacco21 legislation. When it became apparent in late 2019 that President Trump would sign a bill that included a provision for raising the minimum age to purchase tobacco to 21, the industry placed a high priority to get local preemption bills passed in state legislatures. HB517 is a manifestation of that industry's strategy. They want to gut local authority in order to have fewer compliance checks and little enforcement. They want to sell their addictive products to youth with minimized risk. Comparison of FDA retailer compliance data showed Missouri communities with Tobacco 21 ordinances had notably better rates for retailers not selling tobacco to youth than communities without such ordinances. It is anticipated Mr. A. J. Moll will claim e-cigarettes are a method to quit smoking and are 95 percent less harmful than combustible cigarettes. However, not a single e-cigarette maker has applied to the FDA to be approved to market their products as smoking cessation devices. The 95 percent safer myth is based on a subjective report released by Public Health England a number of years ago. The report was not based on actual scientific evidence but on opinions

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According to the Missouri Student Survey from 2020, 15.5% of Missouri middle and high schoolers surveyed reported using vapes in the last 30 days. And 5.3% reported using tobacco products. 39.5% said it was 'very' or 'sort of' easy to get cigarettes. One of the strongest strategies we have for reducing access to vapes and tobacco products is compliance checks. HB517 will put the burden of compliance checks on the state with absolutely no budget to perform them. It also removes the power of local governments to respond to the tobacco and vaping epidemic among youth. We know that vaping as a teenager can wire the brain for addiction. We don't know the long-term impact of vaping on the body and lungs. The full impact of this current vaping epidemic remains to be seen, but many anticipate a looming health crisis. We cannot heap the burden of these consequences onto future generations. We must address this issue now and do all we can in our communities to prevent our youth from becoming addicted to vapes. Keeping local powers on tobacco control means we can respond to issues of access and use locally. We can mitigate the risks of this incredibly risky industry. On behalf of the youth of the State of Missouri, I urge you to vote in opposition of HB517.



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Testimony in Opposition to HB 517
Teesha C. Miller I am a 49-year educator, youth leader, mother, with a career in public health, with the last few years focused on lessening the impact of tobacco on youth, adults, public health, and the economy. Increasing the minimum sales age for tobacco products from 18 to 21 will reduce youth access to tobacco products, youth initiation to tobacco use, and will lead to fewer youth becoming addicted to nicotine. But, active monitoring of retailers for sales to minors with swift enforcement action is necessary for this to be effective. Unfortunately, HB517 merely changes 18 to 21 without any changes for retailer compliance checks or enforcement. However, a much worse feature is the explicit preemption of any existing or future local ordinances regarding the regulation of the sale of tobacco products. This would nullify Tobacco21 ordinances in at least 30 communities with a total population of more than 2.5 million Missourians. And would eliminate retailer compliance checks by local authorities. Beginning in 2011, the federal Food & Drug Administration has contracted with the Department of Mental Health, which has subcontracted with the Department of Public Safety to conduct retailer compliance checks. But, in these past 10 years, some retailers have not even been visited once. Unless a violation was noted to require a follow-up compliance check, many of the retailers have not received a second visit. The COVID pandemic sharply reduced the number of compliance checks in Missouri – going from 4,266 in 2019 to 998 in 2020 – less than one quarter that for 2019. Compliance checks by local authorities mean more frequent visits and quicker enforcement for violators selling to underage youth. Eliminating local authority as per HB517 virtually means the unscrupulous retailers will be given free rein to sell to youth with little chance of getting caught. FDA data show rates of retailer compliance in not selling tobacco to youth is notably higher in those Missouri communities that have enacted local Tobacco21 ordinances compared to the remainder of the state. The difference? Local ordinances mean more frequent compliance checks and quicker enforcement, which leads to better and quicker retailer compliance (which also levels the field for the honest tobacco retailers). In the past, the industry fought tooth-and-nail to oppose Tobacco21 legislation. When it became apparent in late 2019 that President Trump would sign a bill that included a provision for raising the minimum age to purchase tobacco to 21, the industry placed a high priority to get local preemption bills passed in state legislatures. HB517 is a manifestation of that industry's strategy. They want to gut local authority in order to have fewer compliance checks and little enforcement. They want to sell their addictive products to youth with minimized risk. Comparison of FDA retailer compliance data showed Missouri communities with Tobacco 21 ordinances had notably better rates for retailers not selling tobacco to youth than communities without such ordinances. It is anticipated, Mr. A. J. Moll will claim e-cigarettes are a method to quit smoking and are 95 percent less harmful than combustible cigarettes. However, not a single e-cigarette maker has applied to the FDA to be approved to market their products as smoking cessation devices. The 95 percent safer myth is

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As a volunteer of the American Heart Association (AHA), I urge the committee to oppose HB 517 – preempting local control on the sale of tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, and vapor products. I am adamantly opposed to the implementation of preemption on localities. Heart disease is the number one killer in the U.S. and in our state. As you know, smoking only increases the risk of heart disease and stroke by 2 to 4 times. We have taken steps to improve the health of people across our state. My community was one of the first to implement Tobacco 21 laws and other local governments across the state were the first to pass indoor smoke-free laws. The ability of these local officials to pass these kinds of regulations is now at risk with HB 517. We want to make sure cities, towns, counties, and local health entities continue to have the option to build on this progress – passing laws and ordinances to help their communities thrive, assisting in the prevention of cardiovascular disease and protecting patients living with these underlying conditions. HB 517 is a direct violation of local control and limits our community's ability to pass regulations keeping our citizens safe. For these reasons, I again ask the committee to oppose this legislation. I invite further discussion at stlcrippins@gmail.com



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**I do not think youth should smoke or vape but of age people should be able to make decisions.
Government should not try to decide.**



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I have vaped now since 2013 when the first store opening in Missouri and it's truly saving my life everyday I don't smoke traditional tobacco vs vapor products. Know I have never ever thought minors should be able to buy things with nicotine or true tobacco as it's illegal!!



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FIRST thing... Government should stay out of the regulating a man or women of their rights. Bottom line BUTT out. Wish you would all worry about Protecting our RIGHTS what you were elected to do by the Govern and quit Regulating our RIGHTS AWAY. DISAGREE : This bill changes the age of a minor for purposes of tobacco sales and possession from 18 to 21 years of age. A person cannot sell tobacco products, including vaping products, to a person who is under 21 and a person who is under 21 years of age cannot purchase. 1- you can vote and join the military at 18. 2- Vape helped me to quit smoking. I use 3mg from 24mg nicotine but it is MY Choice. AGREE to a degree: state statute supersedes any local laws or ordinances, except for local taxes on the sale of tobacco products or possess tobacco products, including vaping products. *** TYRANNY goes both ways. Agree that local should not supersede state. However state should not regulate a man or woman of their rights to free commerce and choice.



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I am more healthy after 4 years of not smoking. Flavors of vape juice have NOTHING TO DO WITH MINORS CONSUMING IT! THEY GOT CIGARETTES SOMEHOW TOO RATHER BY THEFT OF LRPARTLENTS CHOOSING TO LET THEIR KIDS SMOKE! People do not KNOWINGLY sell to minors. Less minors are vaping because of the new age restrictions. We ID anyone under 30, I am employed by a vape shop and enjoy my job helping ppl to stop smoking. In less than a year I went from barely making it 3 flights of stairs to my sons apartment to running up and down them with arm full of stuff when he moved put. That is proof that nicotine E-juice should not be infringed upon. Find a better fight please. Quit wasting taxpayer money.



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Vaping saved my life			



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I was a tobacco user for 45 years (two packs a day). I quit tobacco in a matter of 6 weeks after starting vapor. In less than two months, I lost my coughing for the first two hours in the morning. My clothing, house and breath smell much better. I get my vapor product cartridges and batteries via online order and USPS delivery.



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WITNESS NAME: TIMOTHY MICHLER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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About 7 years ago, I purchased my first e-cigarette/nicotine vapor product. At the time I had been smoking cigarettes for almost 15 years. When I bought the e-cigarette I wasn't trying to quit smoking cigarettes. I actually enjoyed smoking cigarettes (but not everyone does). I figured I could at least save some money by using an e-cigarette sometimes. After using my e-cigarette (while still smoking cigarettes) for about a week and a half, I ran out of cigarettes. Usually, I'd already have another pack of cigarettes or if not, I'd go buy another pack. This time, I thought "let's see what happens" and didn't buy another pack right away. The next day, I didn't buy another pack of cigarettes and the same thing the day after that and so on. This is how I quit smoking cigarettes. That's how easy it can be for someone to quit smoking cigarettes, which kill around 480,000 people a year. I also worked at a vape shop for over a year where I was able to help a few hundred people quit smoking cigarettes and continue to stay smoke free. I never had a customer who had problems with staying away from cigarettes. I'd say the most difficult thing for someone who wants to quit smoking cigarettes by trying an e-cigarette is getting the right device, right flavor and right nicotine level. Which isn't hard at all. Having/spreading incorrect information about vaping and e-cigarettes may deter present cigarette smokers from realizing how easy quitting can be. If you have any questions about vaping and e-cigarettes, here is the link to The Safer Nicotine Wiki:

https://safernicotine.wiki/mediawiki/index.php/Main_Page Have a nice day. Tim Michler