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To: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair
Members, Senate Committee on Commerce and
Consumer Protection

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I am writing to voice my strong support for HB 672, HD 2, SD1, prohibiting the sales of all electronic smoking devices (referred to as vapor products in this bill) to minors under the age of 18.

More access to nicotine (an established drug leading to physical addiction and causing severe health hazards) for our youth is the last thing we need. The products prohibited by the proposed bill are explicitly aimed at minors and adolescents, who are especially susceptible to the candy flavors and marketing strategies chosen by the manufacturers.

Given the lack of FDA regulations for these devices I strongly urge you to pass HB 672, HD2, SD1. I request that you also consider banning the sampling of this product.

Thank you for helping to keep Hawai'i's youth healthy!

Sincerely,

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