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**To:** Office of the Legislative Counsel

To Whom It May Concern:

I called the office today regarding Bill 60. They passed along your email address and I take this opportunity to oppose that bill.

In the past I wrote to the Health Minister and my MLA voicing my concerns and how I have benefitted from switching from smoking to vaping over 15 months ago. I had smoked for 40+ years and my health was failing. No cessation program; Nicorette gum, medications had worked for me. From the day I began vaping, I have not had another cigarette. I am perplexed as to why the gov't has proposed Bill 60, to include e-juice under the tobacco laws. E-juice is a food product. My health has improved greatly. I find the gov'ts arguments lame. The store where I shop does not sell it's products to anyone under the age of 19. Please, please reconsider what you are doing to the people of Nova Scotia. Are you not the voice of what the people want? I feel you are taking away my right to choose what is working for me. As an added note, the cost of vaping is so low compared to smoking and my suspicions are that the gov't has lost so much revenue from the sale of tobacco products, that they see this as a way to tax vaping to death. I suggest you investigate the independent studies for vaping before an 'educated decision' is made in the legislature. I was not trading off one addiction for another. I informed myself and made a decision that this product was much safer for me. I have also been reading many many articles where the medical professionals are in favor of vaping. Vaping is no tobacco!

I ask that you give consideration to my concerns. They are genuine. I dare to say that if the tobacco products were made cheaper, NO one who is currently vaping would return to tobacco. I would like to think the elected officials are listening to their people and the concerns.

Respectfully submitted,  
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