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To whom it may concern:

The current legislation attempting to ratified (Bill 60) that would make the sale of flavored electronic cigarette liquids illegal is, to be frank, a farce.

Not only is it morally reprehensible to remove a less harmful nicotine delivery system from the hands of those wishing to practice harm reduction, by using electronic cigarettes in place of tobacco (a method that hinges on the pleasant flavours of nicotine), but to try and disguise it as "protecting youth" is, simply put, ridiculous.

The Canadian cancer society (an organization which enjoys substantial funding from tobacco producers...we know this.) has no idea what they are talking about in terms of normalization, it youth uptake models...if they cared to actually research the numbers, they would see that both tobacco use and electronic cigarette use are down, across the board, all over north America.

Ignorance of a science is not an argument against that science.

One has to question the intelligence of the individuals who drafted this piece of legislature... I'm forced to believe that they have not considered the availability of the product in question via internet sales, or that by banning the sale of said product they will be losing not only the tax revenue garnered via the sale of the product but costing the individuals who retail the product (also taxpayers) their livelihood...something (given nova Scotias current unemployment rate and economic state) that the province should be extremely hesitant to move on.

We are vapers, and we are not going away.

Nova Scotia needs to make a choice, stand with those advocating harm reduction, employment and taxable revenue or with those wanting to create criminals, unemployment and lost moneys.

Your call, nova Scotia.

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