

Dear Governor Abbott,

As a Texas resident and an adult vaper, I am genuinely concerned about the proposed legislation of SB 2024 that aims to impose strict restrictions or outright bans on most vaping devices, particularly those produced overseas. Over 80% of electronics are made overseas – yet only vaping devices are being targeted. While I wholeheartedly support efforts to prevent minors from accessing these products, an outright ban would adversely affect responsible adults who rely on vaping to quit smoking. Research indicates that vaping is considerably less harmful than traditional smoking, with studies suggesting a reduction in harm of up to 95%.

The vape shop I frequently visit sells reputable products and does not sell products aimed at minors. Instead of a blanket ban, I encourage lawmakers to consider a more balanced approach that includes:

- Banning misleading products targeted at youth
- Imposing stringent penalties on retailers who sell to minors
- Protecting refillable devices for adults
- Emphasizing education and evidence-based regulations

I respectfully urge you to veto Senate Bill 2024, which would eliminate most vaping devices in Texas. This legislation would strip away essential resources that assist adults in quitting smoking and would **not** effectively reduce youth access. Moreover, it would negatively impact small businesses and responsible consumers. Please support a more balanced strategy that safeguards children while not penalizing adults and small businesses.

Sincerely,