

## Taylor Thrush

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**From:** Joseph Hatt <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 10:39 AM  
**To:** Taylor Thrush  
**Subject:** Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I understand that the youth smoking has gone up but this should not affect me as a grown adult, tax payer, and someone with ability to vote to have to chose a worse life alternative I chose to vape to save my life my voice needs to be heard

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**From:** Michael Friebel <michaelsyrtisminor@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 10:45 AM  
**To:** Taylor Thrush  
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**From:** Nick Gootee <ngootee2015@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Taylor Thrush  
**Subject:** Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I smoked for over 20 years and 2 years ago quit first try with a nicotine free flavored e-liquid and the only keeps me from smoking is just that, nothing that reminds me of tobacco. I feel it is truly the only way to enjoy vaping. Some are not as lucky as I am and require nicotine in their e-liquid that is their choice. It is not fair to say either you smoke tobacco e-liquid or go back to cigarettes basically. The true criminals are the black market individuals who don't care about anyone but themselves and don't care who they sell it too. Those are the ones you need to crack down on, do citizens who own shops and pay taxes. Please stop the flavor ban, my lively hood hangs in the balance.

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**From:** James Joswick <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 10:46 AM  
**To:** Taylor Thrush  
**Subject:** Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

While there may be risks involved in vaping, I feel it's safer than traditional tobacco products and wish to continue using flavored juices. If the governor wants to protect children, then the new proposed law should apply to children, similar to existing laws for the sale of cigarettes and alcohol, no one under 21.

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**To:** Taylor Thrush  
**Subject:** Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

Good Morning.. I am a former smoker who smoked cigarettes for 15 years, near the end I was smoking anywhere from 1-2 packs a day. I am writing to you this morning to inform you that NOT only did vaping help me quit the cigarettes, but FLAVORS played a major roll on keeping me off the cigarettes which we know are toxic to the human race. I am proud to say that I've been smoke free for almost 8 years now due to vaping FLAVORED e-liquid. As a Michigander born and raised.. I ask you this morning to PLEASE protect my access/rights to FLAVORED e-liquid (Safer Alternative.)

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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 10:54 AM  
**To:** Taylor Thrush  
**Subject:** Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I started vaping a little over three years ago using flavored vapes. after smoking for 20 years.

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**To:** Taylor Thrush  
**Subject:** Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

Menthol flavored vaping is how I quit 25 years of smoking. I was then about to completely ween myself down to 0 mg of nicotine. Having tried all the cessation methods prior that I could, vaping solved this almost immediately. When I read this new ban I was sitting on the couch with my wife. Exact words were we cannot go back to smoking. We both agree we do not want to but are scared simply cause the possibility is there. We were told even menthol flavored products are banned, the type of cigarettes we smoked. Normal tobacco flavors are not prohibited but menthol is? We both were puzzled by this. Also we share in the concern that banning flavored vape juices will lead to alternative methods of obtaining the product. I think it is safe to say that bans in our history, of choices that adults can make do not actually work as alternative methods are found and those are not regulated at all. thank you for your help.

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**From:** Robert Vandervennet <rockerboxer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 10:54 AM  
**To:** Taylor Thrush  
**Subject:** Do not deny my right to a safer alternative

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I am almost 66 years old, smoked cigarettes for 30 years and then quit 100%. I have been vaping for @6 years since. The reasons to quit smoking were numerous, but included the fact that my partner, a lifelong smoker, was diagnosed with (bladder) cancer. Her doctor advised quitting in order to help her chances. I cannot say how that decision to quit smoking was a factor in her health, but she is currently cancer free. Neither of us is a child - we both vape flavored juices.

Without any doubt, these products should be restricted to adults, but there are legal mechanisms in place which could effectively curtail sale to minors without penalizing adult consumers.

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**From:** Michael Karr <michaelallenkarr@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 10:52 AM  
**To:** Taylor Thrush  
**Subject:** Re: Flavored e-cigarette ban

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

3.5 years ago, I had a bad case of bronchitis. I went into a gas station to buy a pack of cigarettes. I saw an electronic cigarette right next to the register. There were several flavors. I knew what they were but didn't really want to quit smoking cigarettes so didn't care too much about them. However, my lungs hurt and smoking hurt. I decided to maybe try one and see if it helped the cravings while my body healed. I chose the tobacco flavor because I assumed it would be the closest to really smoking. I used it while smoking a few cigarettes in between to see if my lungs were getting better. They were... but then I realized... these e-cigarettes smell better, taste better and maybe, just maybe I could try using these full time and could maybe give up cigarettes and all the nasty health issues that accompany smoking them. I tried this for about a week and was successful. I wanted to continue but the tobacco flavoring was still gross. I kept up smoking both until I saw a coworker with a case of different liquids. I asked about them and learned there's a HUGE assortment of flavors available if you buy an electronic vaping device with a refillable tank. Shortly after I went to purchase one and got several flavors. Vanilla/Pistachio and pez candy have become my favorites. I am proud to say that since that day, I have been 100% tobacco free. I use the e-cigarette often but have decreased my nicotine consumption from 12mg/ml to just 3. I have not had bronchitis or one single respiratory issue since, I can walk/run/hike long distances without issue and I never have to deal with that awful smell/taste of burnt tobacco ever again. I'm healthier, I'm happier, I am more productive at work and have saved thousands of dollars not spent on smoking cigarettes.

Now, as you can see, a critical part of my successful journey to quitting tobacco use was discovering flavorings were available. Had that not been the case, I am certain I would have given up or not have had the inspiration to continue trying. Those who favor a ban on flavorings don't see it because they are meddling with an issue they know nothing about; which is often the case. This is real life and real people who are happier and healthier as a result of vaping and this rule is very dangerous and disingenuous.

Moving on to children/non-smokers. I wholeheartedly support efforts to eliminate or reduce the use of e-cigarettes by minors or ANYONE who doesn't already smoke tobacco. I do not agree with all the points made by vaping activists but vehemently disagree with this ban! I also agree that flavorings can be enticing for youth who get caught up in the vaping hype among their peers. However, a ban on such flavorings for adults is NOT the answer. There are other ways to achieve the goals we all want without ruining the options for adults and ultimately disrupting an industry that creates thousands of jobs while helping the public get away from tobacco into a safer alternative. Yes, it is safer; by far!

I do believe there are ways to help and I feel the proper legislative channels would yield the best results. Not this "emergency declaration" loophole politicians have discovered to ram their rules down our throats. This has GOT TO STOP. This isn't a partisan issue. This also isn't a public health crisis that warrants such a tactic at all. You can't just declare an emergency because of emotions. This emotional politics game is tiring.

If flavors are removed from the shelves, I'm not sure what I, and thousands of others, will do. I am extremely upset about this and support any and all legal means of preventing such an overreach of power.

Sincerely,



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**To:** Taylor Thrush  
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Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I am an ex cigarette smoker and am currently using a mint flavored vapor. The tobacco flavor didn't help me quit the smoking but the mint did. I have been using it for at least 3 years and haven't smoked a cigarette in the same. I am down to .3mg nicotine. I think it's great to have this alternative. I do buy from a specialty vapor store and I trust them as far as mixing juice correctly. I think that the problem are the unregulated e cigarette vendors. They are obviously putting other things in the e cigs that are causing the problem. Also, every person who wants to buy e cig products should be carded just like alcohol and cigarette products. Also, it is going to be hard to keep young people from making their own concoctions which is a very dangerous thought. Please figure another way to stop the youngsters from getting their hands on these products as it is hurting the people who have finally found a safer alternative to cigarettes. One article said to switch to chewing tobacco! Ridiculous!

Thank you,  
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## Taylor Thrush

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**From:** Cara Costigan <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 10:56 AM  
**To:** Taylor Thrush  
**Subject:** Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I'm a 55 year old who was able to quit smoking cigarettes when I began vaping about 7 years ago. Over time I gradually cut the amount of nicotine in the flavored e-liquid I use and now I still vape but I'm nicotine free. I'm quite sure that I would not have been able to achieve such success had my choice of flavors been limited to Tobacco (menthol or regular).

It is my understanding that while the news media has reported as fact that "vaping is the cause of recent cases of young people being hospitalized with respiratory illnesses", it is a fact that medical science has produced no definitive results proving any harmful effects from vaping and, in fact the known cases mentioned above were all individuals who had modified their equipment to use it in a way it is not designed for. Namely they were using it along with the flavored liquid to ingest cannabinoil THC ( or other legal or illegal drugs). I do not want to see children harmed but I fail to see how banning flavored e-liquid would prevent the problems we've seen this summer.

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## Taylor Thrush

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**From:** Maureen Kennedy <kennedymaure@live.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 11:01 AM  
**To:** Taylor Thrush  
**Subject:** Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

If you want to protect teens, raise smoking/vaping age to 21 and leave the flavors alone. Adults need them to stay smoke free.

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## Taylor Thrush

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**From:** John Musial <johnmusial31@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 11:02 AM  
**To:** Taylor Thrush  
**Subject:** Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I am a 35 year old male, I vape and I vote. I was a smoker for 15 years, I tried for years to quit, everything from the patch, nicotine gum, you name it I have tried it. 5 years ago I tried vaping to quit smoking, I started with the usual tobacco flavor but it was disgusting and nothing like what I was used to, a week later I went back to a shop and talked to the owner about what else to try, I tried a watermelon candy flavor and that is what cut the tie for my and cigarettes was the candy flavor. Every adult who vapes that I know use candy and desert flavors, I know no adult who uses tobacco flavors. Banning flavors and making tobacco the only one will only drive people back to smoking and an early death. I agree that kids shouldn't vape, it is meant for adults trying to quit smoking. Instead of a flavor ban that will only hurt adults, why not put a tax on e liquid, make it only legal to sell in a vape shop and for the kids that get caught using it in school or in public, hold them and their parents accountable, if its in school, first time caught your suspended for a week and for that week you do community service and fine the parents \$1,000.00 that will stop the parents who buy for the kids and scare the kids into not using it. What makes no sense to me is the relation to this and the hospital cases going on now, illegal THC carts are killing people right now and us vapers are being lumped in with them, when its a completely different thing and devices used. Banning flavors will not stop what's happening on that end because they have nothing to do with us. I can go any store and buy flavored liquor and beer but soon I won't be able to vape. The governor endorsed a flavored tangerine beer called "The Gov" even. Ban all flavored alcohol also, and ban fast food for making people obese. This makes no sense. Thousands of people will be out of work in a matter of weeks with this, people will lose their homes and people will die because they will start smoking. Kids will always do something stupid, every generation has, why not finally hold the kids and parents accountable instead of prohibition type of tactics, When has prohibition ever worked in this country? 480,000 people die a year from smoking, no one has died from vaping legally acquired FDA regulated vaping e liquid. The U.K encourages its people to vape to quit smoking, they have done long term studies, they have vape shops in hospitals to get people to quit smoking. Why are we being so backwards about this and why can't our reps stand up for us, the people who voted them in, and stand up to the big tobacco companies and lobbyists for once. We all vote. Thank you for taking the time to hopefully read my email, and please stop the flavor ban, hold the parents accountable, don't punish adults who are trying to quit smoking. This ban will make tens of thousands of residents at the same time quit cold turkey, that's a lot of residents going thru nicotine withdrawal at the same time. The reason is because adults don't use tobacco flavors, we use flavors, we like flavors and that's what made us finally quit smoking.

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## Taylor Thrush

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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 9:56 AM  
**To:** Taylor Thrush  
**Subject:** Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I quit smoking cigarettes full time back in January after finding a flavor that worked. Been smoke free since. If this ban goes through, I will end up going back to smoking like thousands of others.

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**From:** Alex Hyland <hylandal@msu.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 9:55 AM  
**To:** Taylor Thrush  
**Subject:** Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I switched to flavored vapor products about 6 years ago and have not looked back. It has helped my respiratory health immensely. These products are proven to be at least 95% healthier than traditional combustible cigarettes. I do not want to switch back to cigarettes as they are deadly. If this ban stays in place I will be forced to go back to cigarettes to get my nicotine fix. Please do not let this stand. Thank you.

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**From:** Robin Landes <robinr2009@live.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 9:55 AM  
**To:** Taylor Thrush  
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**From:** Hugh Kallen <hugh.a.kallen@kallenweb.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 10:09 AM  
**To:** Taylor Thrush  
**Subject:** My story of vaping

Hi Taylor,

I was told you are the person to share my story regarding vaping. I will keep it brief.

I am 60 years old and live in Grand Rapids. I smoked on and off since I was a teen. I tried to quit but always went back. Five years ago I discovered vaping. I tried the tobacco flavored juice but it was not satisfying, tasted gross, cigarettes were better. Then I tried fruit and candy flavored vape juice. I liked it, a lot. Ever since I started vaping candy and fruit flavored juice, I have not wanted to smoke regular cigarettes. I tried one a couple times and it tasted horrible in comparison to vaping the sweet flavored juices. In addition, my lungs are clear, my breath is no longer bad, and physically I am much healthier than when I smoked. I still get the nicotine I want but smoking is a thing of the past for me thanks to vaping candy and fruit flavored juices. I wanted to give you this report because of the vaping flavor bans that are about to take place in Michigan. I can honestly say if only tobacco flavored vape juice is available, I will be much more likely to go back to smoking cigarettes.

Thanks for allowing this feedback. Please pass it on to any appropriate parties.

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## Taylor Thrush

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**From:** Kelly Lynn Little <smallcitygal87@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 10:00 AM  
**To:** Taylor Thrush  
**Subject:** Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

....this could simply ruin my life

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## Taylor Thrush

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**From:** David Hanna <lakeorientlv@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 10:08 AM  
**To:** Taylor Thrush  
**Subject:** Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I own two vape stores and banning this alternative would just lead to bringing back smokers to world. We are adults so if want to drink smoke and be happy that is are legal right.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 10:07 AM  
**To:** Taylor Thrush  
**Subject:** Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I am a 31 year old male who is writing as a voter, taxpayer, and lifelong resident of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. From the age of 21 I began smoking traditional tobacco cigarettes while in college. After years of smoking roughly one pack per day, the effect traditional tobacco cigarettes were taking a toll on my health. I tried various methods to quit; gum, lozenges, patches, this type of nicotine replacement treatment did not work for me. Each time I found myself walking back into a convenience store counter asking the clerk for a pack of cigarettes. I was reluctant to inquire about medications such as Chantix and Zyban as they alter brain chemistry. I remember in 2008 the FAA banned pilots from using Chantix while on the job. I was concerned about how drugs such as Chantix or Zyban would affect my behavior. With reports of suicide, and other reports of how it altered individual's behavior, the option did not seem very reassuring. It wasn't until I was 27 years old, I decided to give vaping a try. Just a few weeks after, I noticed the adverse health effects of tobacco cigarettes begin to dissipate. I was not waking up in the morning coughing up phlegm, I was not becoming winded walking up a few flights of stairs, my heart rate and blood pressure decreased. Now after 4 years of vaping, I no longer get respiratory infections such as bronchitis, I rarely contract the common cold, my overall energy level has increased, and I am able to ride a bicycle or go running with my dog for hours. These are things I was unable to do while smoking traditional tobacco cigarettes. I attribute these positive effects in my life to vaping flavored electronic cigarette devices. I urge you to challenge Governor Whitmer's executive order banning the sale of flavored smoke-free vapor products and other alternatives to smoking.

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## Taylor Thrush

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**From:** Adam Cornwell <adamcornwell2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 10:05 AM  
**To:** Taylor Thrush  
**Subject:** Please save Michigan vapor companies!

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I make a living as a product photographer for many vapor companies! This ban will instantly put me out of a job if i can not receive the product via mail! I am a democrat that voted for Whitmer but if she does not repeal this ban she will lose our household and many others as I will make my voice heard!

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**From:** PaNya Thoummany <panyiathoummany@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 10:06 AM  
**To:** Taylor Thrush  
**Subject:** Please protect my access to safer alternatives

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I was a former cigarette smoker of over a decade. After multiple attempts to quit, I was unsuccessful. After I started vaping, I put down the cigarettes completely. In the last year, I can testify that my overall health is much better. I no longer wake up with a heavy chest, coughing out mucus or phlegm. In addition I have started working out daily and my breathing while running is significantly better. I like many others, started smoking cigarettes as a teenager. I don't believe banning flavored vaping products is going to stop youth, it also takes away our freedom as adults. This is equivalent to banning all flavored liquor and alcohol due to teenage illegal consumption. Something that sounds ridiculous. I understand the purpose of this is to protect the children, however we allow children to drive at 16, yet there are numerous deaths related to car accidents daily. I think it's important to educate and crack down on the illegal use of the products by teens, rather than take them away from adults.

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**From:** Erik Scruggs <erikscruggs87@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 10:02 AM  
**To:** Taylor Thrush  
**Subject:** Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

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## Taylor Thrush

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**From:** Lisa OHare <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 10:09 AM  
**To:** Taylor Thrush  
**Subject:** Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I have been vaping since 2014. Never once have I been sick or been to the ER or hospital due to vaping. Also I vape flavored kinds. Always have. To ban this on adults is just wrong. I understand the kids/teens but for everyone is not fair. I started vaping because I was smoking cigarettes. Vaping helped me quit. I vape 0 to 1.5 mg. I understand that nicotine is addictive drug but so is caffeine. That should be ban too then. But as a 40 yr old Adult I should be able to vape flavored vape and not be told I can't. That's like taking my rights away as a US citizen. Make it harder for kids/teens to get this stuff.

Been cigarette free since September 2014 thanks to flavored vaping.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 10:09 AM  
**To:** Taylor Thrush  
**Subject:** Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I was a pack a day smoker for 40 years. I hated the habit, the smell and the offense it caused other people. I tried prescription nicotine inhalers, patches, and pills. Nothing worked for long. That is until I found vaping. I've been cigarette free since 2011 using a flavored ejuice. All this ban will do is cause a bunch of adult smokers back to tobacco. I hope that isn't the point of all this. They are some powerful players. Thank you for your time.

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## Taylor Thrush

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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 10:07 AM  
**To:** Taylor Thrush  
**Subject:** Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I switched to vaping 5 years ago and since I've felt much better than I did smoking cigarettes. With this flavor ban, I'll be switching back to cigarettes, albeit not happily. Vaping has introduced me to an awesome community that I've made a lot of friends in, and I don't think that this ban will be effective for the reasons you would like.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 10:14 AM  
**To:** Taylor Thrush  
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## Taylor Thrush

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**From:** Lars Kinder <larstkinder@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 10:13 AM  
**To:** Taylor Thrush  
**Subject:** Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I started vaping 4 years ago to help me stop smoking cigarettes. I switched because I was sick of the way I felt when smoked cigarettes. If I have to resort to vaping a tobacco flavor, I fear that it might lead me back to smoking cigarettes again. I, as an adult, chose fruity flavors to help me forget about the taste of cigarettes. Please don't take away my right to vape the flavors I want. I fear for my health if i have to go back to cigarettes.

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## Taylor Thrush

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**From:** Kimberly Webber <vapechick17@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 10:10 AM  
**To:** Taylor Thrush  
**Subject:** Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I started smoking cigarettes at 11 years of age. Both of my parents smoked cigarettes since before I was born, and my mother smoked while pregnant  with me.

The first tobacco product I used was "filtered cigars" "SMOKERS CHOICE." At age 11 I was smoking cigars/cigarettes. At the age of 14, I got my first two cartons of Newport's, for my birthday. My father was an enabler, and my mother didn't take long to give up and just let me smoke around her too. (My parents got divorced when I was 7) at the age of 16, I was already having breathing problems from smoking cigarettes and by this time I've started rolling cigarettes because I smoked so much. I smoked cigarettes all the way from 2006/7 to June 17th 2018. (I quit smoking cigarettes on June 17, 2018, THANKS TO VAPING) it took me an entire year of vaping/smoking then 6 months of just vaping to be completely done with cigarettes. I have tried cutting cigarettes cold turkey and each time I've went back to smoking! The ONLY reason that I do not smoke cigarettes TODAY, IS BECAUSE OF THE VAPING COMMUNITY & INDUSTRY! If it weren't for VAPING I would either still be smoking or I'd been diagnosed with possible cancers already! BIG TOBACCO is the PROBLEM, NOT VAPING. You've got your priorities in the WRONG places, and maybe you shouldn't be in office if you really think that this is the issue with adolescence.

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## Taylor Thrush

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**From:** Christopher Hessler <chessler75@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 10:14 AM  
**To:** Taylor Thrush  
**Subject:** Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

Flavored vapor has been a key tool in helping me stay cigarette free for five years. I consider that a great personal accomplishment for me personally and for my family. The ruling as enacted comes off as a knee jerk response to recent events involving adulterated THC products being introduced to otherwise "safer" e-juice. With any other product, this would be considered an intentional contamination of the product and example of product not being used as designed. Moreover, the majority of boutique e-juices utilized by consumers are purchased at age restricted specialty stores thus exposure to minors is minimized and these stores do not market to minors. Our current actions should address measures to enforce age restrictions on these products to keep them out of the hands of minors and not resort to outright prohibition.

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**From:** Philip Bardoni <philipbardoni@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 10:17 AM  
**To:** Taylor Thrush  
**Subject:** Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I use flavored vape to stay away from cigarettes. It works. I'm 70, don't interfere with my rights. You will create a black market. If Vaping flavors is so harmful, why not ban cigarette sales, perhaps liquor products also? This is politicians sticking their nose in where it does not belong. It's illegal to sell any vape product to those under 18. Stop your nonsense. How many business's do you want to put out? Why don't you just tell us how much tax you want to charge on vape juice like cigarettes and get it over with. That's what this is about, or just plain idiotic politics!!!!

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**From:** Debbye Thompson <debbyethompson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 10:17 AM  
**To:** Taylor Thrush  
**Subject:** Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I am a ten-year vaper and a 35 year career Registered Nurse. I was able to quit a 25 year cigarette habit thanks to vaping flavored nicotine liquid. I used to get pneumonia &/or bronchitis twice a year while smoking. Since starting to vape ten years ago, I have not had one case of respiratory infection. Please do not let Gov Whitmer take this healthier alternative to cigarettes away from us. These recent deaths attributed to vaping have been caused by using illegal, black-market THC cartridges; that has been proven! This ban will force thousands of Michigan citizens back to smoking cigarettes...how is that promoting public health?

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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 10:10 AM  
**To:** Taylor Thrush  
**Subject:** Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

My husband stopped a 40 year, 2.5 pack a day cigarette habit, by switching to vaping. He still vapes and uses an e-liquid that is sweet in flavor. The tobacco flavored juices reminded him too much of smoking a real cigarette and made it difficult for him to continue to remain cigarette free and he switched to a sweet juice. The juice he has been vaping now for 5 years has helped him remain tobacco free. We have never bought his e-juice off of the street or from a gas station. We have always purchased from reputable vape shops. Banning sweet e-juices from purchase by adults is going to have downstream consequences. I do not want my husband to return to cigarettes. There are many small business owners who could lose their livelihoods because of this rule the Governor has enacted. The people need to be heard on this issue. The FDA and medical professionals are not even sure what is causing these young kids to become ill after vaping. Why is it only young kids who are getting sick? Vaping has been mainstream for over 10 years and we are just now having kids who are getting sick? Where are they buying their e-juice? What are they vaping? Is it THC? We need more answers and solid investigations before certain e-juices are banned for adults!

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**From:** Dave Kriegel <midihc@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 10:18 AM  
**To:** Taylor Thrush  
**Subject:** Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

Banning flavors and vapes is only going to contribute to more black market activity, which has been detrimental to public health. Please consider the billions of lives lost each year due to smoking-related illnesses. Smokers deserve to have hard reduction alternatives available to them, and kept out of the hands of children!

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## Taylor Thrush

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**From:** Patricia Prochowski <wolfen302@att.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 10:23 AM  
**To:** Taylor Thrush  
**Subject:** Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I was a smoker for 64 years & switched to vaping 3 yrs. ago. My doctor has told me my lungs are MUCH better! No wheezing or getting short of breath. Vaping does NOT hurt-it HELPS!!

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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 10:26 AM  
**To:** Taylor Thrush  
**Subject:** Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

Vaping has saved my life. It wasn't that long ago that I struggled with breathing as a 17 year addict of cigarettes. Now I am a runner who runs half marathon. Flavored vapor products are the reason that I was able to quit smoking. Yes, I still have an addiction to nicotine, but now I do not receive the carcinogens or tar that cigarettes carry. I truly believe that there is a high risk of me going back to cigarettes if I don't have access to flavored vapor juice. I know that I will not be the only one. A flavor ban will absolutely not reduce teen vaping. Smoking, vaping, drinking alcohol, and smoking marijuana are all illegal for teens, but yet they do it constantly. Banning flavors is an extreme reaction to a slight problem. When making those decisions, you have to weigh the facts. Thousands of adults will likely go back to smoking a death stick, and teen vaping will not suppressed whatsoever. We all know this to be true.

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I'm a 41 year old man who smoked since I was 16 years old I've been vapeing now for going on a year the flavors and the hobby side of vapeing has also help me with other addictions that I've struggled with this position that Grechen Whitmer is taking is just not or shouldn't be considered it's just going to drive black market sales in our state and force people to go back to smoking that should be the health issue you don't ban the sales of flavored liquor or cigar's I remember Joe Camel and I've never seen E liquid sold near candy all of this disinformation has to stop this ignorance has to stop education is the best flavor for us all and Grechen Whitmer needs a little taste

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**From:** Cheri Smith <dancndrgon@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 10:20 AM  
**To:** Taylor Thrush  
**Subject:** Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I started vaping back in 2014, for the sole purpose of quitting cigarettes. From the day that I started vaping, I never picked up another cigarette. I didn't go to the gas station to buy anything, I knew that I needed to go to a vape store (where you have to be 18 to enter), by the way, at that time I was 44. If there wasn't flavored vaping oils available I would still be smoking cigarettes and still experiencing bronchitis 3-4 times a year.

It's scary to think of flavored oils being banned, because that means that I will probably be back to smoking cigarettes. The Juul pods from my understanding are causing a lot of problems with extreme amounts of nicotine in them. I feel that banning flavored oils will only make it so that they are sold on the black market and really become dangerous.

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**To:** Taylor Thrush  
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**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

This action by Gov. Whitmer seems hysterical to me; I'm afraid it could put established tobacco and vape stores out of business. Menthol might also be considered a flavor, and could be banned. Although I personally don't use fruity flavors, apparently a lot of former tobacco users do use fruity and other flavors to meet their vaping needs.

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**From:** James Masters <jamesdmasters@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 10:25 AM  
**To:** Taylor Thrush  
**Subject:** Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

Vaping helped me kick a 20-year tobacco habit and flavored vape liquid played a huge role in helping me quit. Making flavored vape juices illegal is a terrible idea. While I would not recommend that non-users vape, I notice substantial positive health benefits using vape as an alternative to cigarette addiction. I can breathe better, my chronic respiratory issues went away, and I have been able to gradually vape less over time.

While I understand the concern of minors getting vape juice, my local vape shop does not allow anyone in the store that is under the age of 18. I have been present when this rule was enforced. There is no way a minor can even see the vaping products at my local vape shop.

Please do your best to keep this option available to me and other adult consumers.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 10:26 AM  
**To:** Taylor Thrush  
**Subject:** Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I'm a 35 year old single mom & nurse who was able to quit smoking 5 years ago because of vaping. I bought my first vaping product at a gas station seeing it next to the cigarettes I was buying. I stopped using tobacco flavors after 2 weeks & was able to quit cigarettes all together with strawberry lemonade flavored eliquid. My 14 year old son does not think it's cool to vape because his mom does it & nothing I do is cool. Let's increase ads for smokers to quit using electronic cigarettes & treat it as quit smoking tool it should be.

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**To:** Taylor Thrush  
**Subject:** Please protect my access to safer alternatives

Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

I run a responsible Tobacco and Vape Business in Michigan. We do not sell to Youth. We have heard many customers say they will be back buying tobacco. While Affect local business youth will still very easily get vape Juice on the internet. We sell Tested Juice so adults know what they are vaping. Parents and schools need to enforce the possession as being a crime.

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Dear Committee Clerk Thrush,

vaping helped me stopped smoking 2 packs of cigarettes a day. i have quit vaping (going on one year now) one of the best things i have ever done... secondly what teens do shouldnt be the states problem... isnt that up to the parents to educate and help them avoid smoling/vaping.. oh yeah thus is a country who tells its society that alcohol is ok....

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