

Dear Representative

I'm writing to you as a resident and small business operator in Pawtucket . My business operates four locations across Rhode Island and employs seven Rhode Island residents. I am urging you to oppose House bill 5633 which would give local governments across the state the power to create their own additional regulations on tobacco products.

Rhode Island's small business owners have struggled to keep their doors open during this prolonged economic slowdown. Giving Rhode Island localities the power to create additional tobacco regulations would just create a confusing patchwork of regulations and make it even more difficult for responsible local business owners to operate.

I also worry that this proposal has the potential to create massive new burdens for law enforcement in our communities. They should be fighting crimes and making us safe not enforcing tobacco regulations. These products are already heavily regulated by state and FDA. Our legislators should focus on more important things--like getting Rhode Island's economy back on track—during these difficult times.

Please do not move forward with this proposal. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Munawar Ghumman --
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