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Hello,

My name is Rebecca. I am a Rhode Island vaper, who has successfully used this device to quit smoking cigarettes a few years ago. My mother, a 73 year old also successfully quit smoking cigarettes with vaping, and she had smoked for nearly 30 years prior. I never thought I'd see the day. We are very proud of our progress, and imposing an 80% tax will only force us out of state to meet our needs. Please don't make it easier for us to switch back to cigarettes, we have made so many strides since quitting. It's important we keep the vape revenue and what's left of its community in the state of Rhode Island. Thank you for your time.

Rebecca