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**From:** Julia Rae <juliarae113@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 5, 2024 12:07 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** OPPOSE HB7225

To whom it may concern,

My name is Julia Morris. I would like to submit this e-mail to provide my reasons for opposing an 80% tax and favor ban of vape products. I am 33 years old, and was a former smoker of 15 years since youth. I smoked a pack a week of Newport 100s and increased to 2 packs, while beginning to suffer from a chronic cough and black mucus coughed up through my lungs. After feeling lost navigating the nicotine addiction I had formed, I found an alternative method, to control how much nicotine I was getting, through vape products. While decreasing the amount of nicotine I was using over time, I couldn't have done it without the favored vape products specifically. The 80% tax would make me no longer have access to the only thing that's keeping me from having to get another pack of cigarettes. I have been able to decrease the amount of nicotine I was consuming by a large amount, in less than a year, which is now at a very low mg. I am incredibly thankful that these products are available to me, to be able to officially quit smoking cigarettes, and lower my nicotine consumption to almost none. I am hopeful to continue my journey of becoming nicotine free, through the use of the vape products that are only going to remain available, if this ban is not passed.

Thank you for your time reading this.

Sincerely,

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