

		ORGANIZATION	SUPPORT/OPOSED	SUMMARY COMMENT	Theme	DHHS RESPONSE
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Merton Hershberger (2)	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support - I have heard too many people gasping for air at the end of their lives or quitting with the declaration that starting smoking was one of their biggest regrets. The cost in terms of healthcare dollars and wasted time and adverse effects on employers and employees also merits consideration. It drains company times away from productive engagement. Tobacco kills and taxes the poor, disproportionately. Loose tobacco regulation is unjust to our society. Anything that we can do to reduce the number of kids who are getting hooked on tobacco in the first place is a plus. Second Comment: . Everybody knows that where there is smoke there is fire. And you don't play with fire. However, the tobacco industry is trying to make it fun to play with fire for the sake of profit. I have no problem with people making money, but when industry is making money at the expense of people's life and health, there is a problem.		Thank you, no comment
Dr. Robert Schirmer	n/a	Barry County Tobacco Reduction Coalition	Support	Support-Our schools and local police spend considerable time and effort enforcing bans on e-cig use in school, and helping kids break the habit. In the 2019-2020 academic year the Hastings Area School System assisted by the Barry County Substance Abuse Task Force had 21 students and 24 parents attended the CATCH My Breath program as an alternative to suspension, fines, or misdemeanor charges for youth who were vaping on school property. Flavors play a key role in marketing and enticing youth to use e-cigarettes. Flavors like gummy bears, cotton candy, grape, cherry crush and the more than 15,000 other flavors are critical to initiating and hooking kids on nicotine. Businesses need kids to start and to get hooked when they are young, in order to grow their e-cigarette business. See also Attached Comment		Thank you, no comment
Matthew Moorhead	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed.		

Marsha Lommel	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed-Banning menthol flavored e-cigarettes means our only option is menthol cigarettes, which have always been legal, and continue to be. Banning fruity flavors that appeal to youth is fine, but adult users have purchased menthol cigarettes for years and a ban of menthol e-cigarettes makes no sense and is an affront to adults as well as a restriction on our freedom.	Menthol	Including menthol flavor in the permanent rules will help communities targeted with these products such as kids and African Americans. The African American Tobacco Control Leadership Council (Pulling Back the Curtain on Health Equity and Tobacco Control webinar 8.21.20) reports that 90% of black youth initiate tobacco using menthol, and that 80% of black people use menthol products. The targeting of African Americans with menthol products is a racist policy that promotes menthol tobacco use and the resulting tobacco related disease and death in this community. 55.8% of high school ecig users report using mint flavors and 23.5% use menthol (MMWR 9.9.20), and these numbers are
Brian Mooney	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Vaping is 100% harm reduction, banning flavored vaping products would send countless number of adults like my self right back to smoking which is way way worse than vaping. Keep away from my rights and other adults like my self. Parents should keep a better eye on their kids to prevent them from vaping if this is such a concern.		Most e-cigarettes deliver nicotine, which is highly addictive and can harm the developing brains of teens, kids and fetuses in women who vape while pregnant. Some types expose users to even more nicotine than traditional cigarettes. E-cigarette aerosol includes potentially harmful substances such as diacetyl (a chemical linked to a serious lung disease), cancer-causing chemicals (e.g., acetaldehyde in ecig aerosol), volatile organic compounds (VOCs such as benzene found in gasoline), and heavy metals (nickel, tin, lead.)
Michael Hicks	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	If a flavor ban is enacted, I know I don't have the will to keep from smoking, no matter what I try. Ever since I quit smoking, my health improved significantly, able to breath better, barely sick throughout cold and flu season, better respiratory functions, healthy all the way around. If it wasn't for vaping and flavors, I wouldn't be here for my grandchildren.		An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking.
Sandy Bohn	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	i was a 30 year cigarette smoker and had tried every means to quit with no success, if it wern't for vaping i would still be a tabacco smoker. This infringement of my personal rights has gone too far, for goodness sake marajuana is legal in this state and far more people are using that, than vapor. Including, im sure young people and a blind eye is turned to that as a health risk. You have been beating this issue to death and flavor or not doesnt seem to be a problem. So once again i have to fight for my personal choice to vape, where if i chose cigarettes or even marajuana the government thinks that ok. Key word "government" making a personal choice for me.		is mandated to "endeavor to prevent disease, prolong life, and promote the public health through ... prevention and control of diseases [and] health problems of particularly vulnerable groups," such as youth. MCL 333.2221(1). It is empowered under the Public Health Code to exercise authority and promulgate rules to safeguard the public health. MCL 333.2226(d). The Department may also promulgate emergency rules without following the notice and participation procedures required by sections 41, 42, and 48 of 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.241, MCL 24.242, and MCL 24.248 of the Michigan Compiled Laws in circumstances where a finding of emergency is made. Our goal is to protect youth from the appealing flavors that draw them in to initiating use of -cigarettes.

Russ Swanson	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed-This disruptive technology became such a part of my life that I joined the staff of an e-liquid manufacturer here in Grand Rapids. So, for me, a flavor ban would likely have a negative impact on both my health and my livelihood. It will have the same effect on some 50 or so co-workers. Vaping affords me and my family a reasonable standard of living and, importantly, healthcare.</p> <p>While I agree that everything possible should be done to keep this adult activity in the hands of ONLY adults, and my company goes out of its way to assure that's the case, a "blanket ban" would have a negative effect on my life, my family's life, my co-worker's lives, and the community as a whole.</p>
Nick Gootee	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed-We as adults and citizens have the freedom to make responsible decisions. This is one of them. It makes us happy. It keeps up going in the day to day activities of real life and we look forward to it. It is the having your cake and eating it too. It shouldn't be taken away from us. You can get liver disease from too much drinking. I don't see that being taken away from anyone. There is an age limit for that reason. We do not need to be treated like we are out of control youths. We are not bothering anyone but ourselves and that should be our choice, not yours. I have 0 side effects from vaping and I vape all day every day and have multiple devices that I enjoy with multiple flavors. I look forward to them because you are never to old to enjoy something that tastes good.</p>
Robert Tilson	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed-I was a smoker for seventeen years. I was finally able to quit because of vaping. I am very close to getting my mother to quit. She has been a smoker for forty-seven years. She has tried every other method to quit. If you ban flavors, her, and millions others, will die from smoking. Vaping can save her life. Read the study by Public Health England, vaping is ninety-five percent safer than smoking.</p>

As a department, we have taken into account all aspects of this permanent rule, including concerns by the business community. This measure does not ban e-cigarettes. Sellers can still sell flavors that mimic tobacco, unflavored products and 0% non-nicotine flavors flavored vaping products in Michigan as well as flavored nicotine vapor products outside of Michigan to adult customers. Vape shops and other tobacco retailers can continue to sell e-cigarette devices, and components. A report by Johns Hopkins University examined the economic impact of flavor bans for all tobacco products on tobacco retailers. The report found that a flavor ban would have minimal

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Marshall Davidsmeyer	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed-Took me 5 years to stop tobacco addiction. The vape industry was my main source of income for almost 7 years taking flavors away would mean an increase in tobacco use death and loss of business and income for a number of people. Including myself	Loss of business/job	<p>As a Department, we have taken into account all aspects of this permanent rule, including concerns by the business community. This measure does not ban e-cigarettes. Sellers can still sell flavors that mimic tobacco, unflavored products and 0% non-nicotine flavors flavored vaping products in Michigan as well as flavored nicotine vapor products outside of Michigan to adult customers. Vape shops and other tobacco retailers can continue to sell e-cigarette devices, and components. A report by Johns Hopkins University examined the economic impact of flavor bans for all tobacco products on tobacco retailers. The report found that a flavor ban would have minimal impact on retailers. Trends show that most retailers do not rely on these products as their only or primary source of revenue and are able to adapt their product offerings.</p> <p>To date, we have not seen this play out in other jurisdictions who have removed flavored e-cigarettes. There is insufficient evidence that flavor restrictions will lead to an illicit market. Tobacco companies have consistently claimed that there is a risk of an illicit market to discourage governments from implementing effective tobacco control measures, but we have seen no evidence of this. The tobacco industry makes similar claims about the creation of a black-market following tobacco tax increases, and study after study has shown that the industry's claims are overblown.</p> <p>An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking.</p>
Jordan Dewey	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Please don't go through with this flavor ban. All this ban will do is force people to smoke, buy out of state, or make the black market thrive. All 3 options have negative effects on us Michiganders. Regulations are great, most of us adult vapers are open to that, but an all out ban is not the answer. Flavors are so important to the transition from combustible to e-cigarette usage. I personally used a shurburt flavor to quit smoking after 15 years and 2 packs a day. Kids don't care about what flavor they have, cigarettes tasted horrible when I stayed smoking and that didn't change the outcome one bit. People are going to use flavored liquid either bought legally or through the black market, keys keep e-liquids legally on the market with guidelines and procedures to make sure that the person making them is doing it correctly.	Black Market	
Shannon LaLonde	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed-I was a smoker for 30 years. Over the past 7 years I have been vaping. I feel better, smell better and have experienced no health issues. I'm grateful for vaping and have my favorite local shop that I like to support. I prefer vaping for numerous reasons and want to be able to purchase the items that I enjoy!	Return to cigarettes if banned	

Adam Love	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed-This disruptive technology became such a part of my life that I began working in the industry for a time, trying to help others leave tobacco behind like I did. For me, a flavor ban would likely result in a return to tobacco use, putting myself and those around me at risk. I say this knowing that in a past, traditional cessation techniques and tools were completely ineffective for me.</p> <p>While I agree that everything possible should be done to keep this adult product in the hands of ONLY adults, a "blanket ban" would have a negative effect on my life, my family's life and the community as a whole; as many polls have shown that ENDS users like myself often expect that they'd revert to tobacco use if they were unable to vape.</p> <p>Please review FDA's PMTA process, and what's being done on a federal level to make sure vaping is as safe as possible before decimating an industry.</p>	Return to cigarettes if banned	<p>An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking.</p>
Kimberly Manor	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>I'm 59 years old and I quit a 2 pack a day smoking addiction 7 years ago by vaping coffee flavored e-liquid. You have no right to take away the only thing that is saving my life from tobacco dependency. Vaping is 98% safer and I've never felt better</p>	DHHS does not have authority	<p>The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is mandated to "endeavor to prevent disease, prolong life, and promote the public health through ... prevention and control of diseases [and] health problems of particularly vulnerable groups," such as youth. MCL 333.2221(1). It is empowered under the Public Health Code to exercise authority and promulgate rules to safeguard the public health. MCL 333.2226(d). The Department may also promulgate emergency rules without following the notice and participation procedures required by sections 41, 42, and 48 of 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.241, MCL 24.242, and MCL 24.248 of the Michigan Compiled Laws in circumstances where a finding of emergency is made. Our goal is to protect youth from the appealing flavors that draw them in to initiating use of -cigarettes</p>
Blair Henze	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed: Please do not ban flavored eliquid. I struggled with quitting smoking cigarettes for over ten years. It wasn't until I found vanilla custard flavored e liquid, that I was able to quit cigarettes.</p>	Personal Story	<p>Thank you for your comment. Your testimony has been documented.</p>
				<p>I smoked cigarettes for 23 years. Since switching to vaping, I can now breathe 10x better. I can also wake up in the morning without without coughing up all kinds of colored phlegm. Even my doctor has mentioned how much my asthma has improved.</p>	Personal Story	<p>Thank you for your comment. Your testimony has been documented.</p>

				Banning flavored eliquid will force many Michiganders into the black market, where things are unregulated and potentially dangerous.	Black Market	To date, we have not seen this play out in other jurisdictions who have removed flavored e-cigarettes. There is insufficient evidence that flavor restrictions will lead to an illicit market. Tobacco companies have consistently claimed that there is a risk of an illicit market to discourage governments from implementing effective tobacco control measures, but we have seen no evidence of this. The tobacco industry makes similar claims about the creation of a black-market following tobacco tax increases, and study after study has shown that the industry's claims are overblown.
Alice Engelman	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: If you do this, you are putting around 600,000 vapers in the state of Michigan at risk to going back to cigarettes or the black market! The store that supplies my liquid is FDA registered and has submitted their PMTA's to the FDA. They are going everything they can to stay compliant because it's their entire life. They will have to shut their doors along with every vape shop in the state. Lost jobs, lost taxes for the state of Michigan! So, your MSA money is worth more than human lives! Think about that! With vaping I no longer smell like the bottom of an ash tray	Black Market	To date, we have not seen this play out in other jurisdictions who have removed flavored e-cigarettes. There is insufficient evidence that flavor restrictions will lead to an illicit market. Tobacco companies have consistently claimed that there is a risk of an illicit market to discourage governments from implementing effective tobacco control measures, but we have seen no evidence of this. The tobacco industry makes similar claims about the creation of a black-market following tobacco tax increases, and study after study has shown that the industry's claims are overblown.
Patricia Prochowski	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed		
John Hanson	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed		
Philip Roehm	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I quit smoking around 2013, and couldn't find a good alternative. So, I went back to smoking until 2015 when a friend told me about vaping. I was very interested in trying it out, and did a lot of research and was able to reduce my nicotine intake drastically and was able to save a lot of money. Cause I was smoking 3 packs a day. If my access to flavors changed, I'm not sure if I'd still keep off cigarettes. I might go back if I only had tobacco and I hate menthol flavors.	Personal Story	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony has been documented.
Joseph Bradfield	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I have vaped for over 10 years and it has been an absolute lifeline for me. Please stop banning flavors and start banning companies selling to underage consumers. THIS IS THE CRUX OF THE PROBLEM, not the flavors themselves. Raising the smoking age to 21 has no impact when retailers, looking to their bottom line, continue to sell to 18+ customers. I understand this can be harder to enforce than taking the EASY WAY OUT BY PUNISHING EVERYONE FOR THE ACTIONS OF A SMALL GROUP.	Personal Story	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony has been documented.

David Rector	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Banning flavors will most likely cause me to think about smoking again, and being disabled, that will not only be setting back health wise, but it will also be quite costly, especially living on a fixed income. If you ban flavors, shouldn't you also be banning flavored alcoholic beverages? More children die in drinking and driving accidents, then vaping accidents. Why haven't cigarettes been banned? Or, are you receiving payment from big tobacco? Banning flavors will force children to smoke cigarettes. Cigarettes are much more dangerous than vaping. Ban 18mg caffeine content and higher vape products, not the flavors	Alcohol or Marijuana	We are only responding to the U.S. Surgeon General declaration that use of e-cigarettes by youth is a public health epidemic across the nation. The SG cited flavors as a main reason for this epidemic. These Administrative Rules do not address the issues of flavored marijuana and alcohol.
Anthony Barrett (2)	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Across the board whether it's food, alcohol or e liquids, people like variety. The teen use numbers have plummeted so what's the excuse to keep hammering at this? We're all over the lies, put your time into something that makes a difference in a good way. (2) I've been off the cancer sticks for just over 1 year now. Im a fan of living. Teen usage is as low as it's ever been. So you don't really have an excuse as to why you want this flavor ban so badly. Power hungry? Do you want your teens smoking cigarettes? What's the real angle here huh?	Data shows a decrease in use	
Robert Peterson	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I was a tobacco user from 13-37 (nearly 25 years) and I was able to quit 7 years ago using flavored vapor products (dessert & mint). As an adult, I enjoy flavors in my vaping just as I do in alcohol or dessert and I should have that option available to me.	Personal Story	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony has been documented.
			Opposed	I do not know a single person that has quit smoking using a tobacco flavor. My friends and family have quit using everything from fruit loops to brownies to sweet tarts to mint. It's a lie to say that adults do not enjoy flavor. I have seen the governor herself drinking cherry-flavored beer and I didn't see her trying to tell us that it was designed to attract minors.	Adults enjoy flavors	The adult rate of e-cigarette use is 6.1% in Michigan (2018) whereas the youth rates in Michigan are much higher at 20.8% in 2019 YRBS (MI). In 2020, the National Youth Tobacco Survey shows current youth e-cigarette use rate is 19.6% and 82.9% of kids use flavored e-cigarettes. So, there are many fewer adults who are using e-cigarettes than kids. There will still be unflavored products, flavors that mimic tobacco and 0% non-nicotine flavors available for adults

Nicolas Fritz	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed: I find it appalling that there is even the potential for you to ban flavors. Your job as a government is to protect the people. I understand that and respect that. This would do the exact opposite of that. If minors are your concern, then there are many other avenues you can take to prevent kids from getting their hands on this. Your behavior is not only lazy, but dangerous.</p> <p>I have been following all the data and science associated with vaping for quite some time now. Other countries medically use this as a treatment for smokers. Banning these flavors would very likely lead to me smoking again. That single choice of overreach that you guys make, could potentially lead to major health, and societal effects on both myself and my 4 kids.</p> <p>I am one person, one family, and there is many (Me's) out there. Please consider what you are doing and the long term effects you are having on us previous smokers. Choose to not be lazy and instead address this with more thought and understanding. Fines, shutting stores down, creating common sense safeguards will both protect children and allow adults like myself stay off much more dangerous cigarettes.</p>	More effective to quit smoking	<p>While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.</p>
Maureen Kennedy	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed: Smoked for 40 years, tried everything to quit. Could not quit until flavored vape was available. If you want to keep it from kids, keep the age 21 to keep it away from school yards. Vaping is saving lives and keeping people working in Michigan with various industries. Stop protecting the evil burning leaf industry, Governor. We know you want the taxes from smoking. If you pass it, I leave Michigan. I will not go back to being a prisoner of Altria. You have no right to tell us what we do to our own body constitutionally any way and you know it.</p>	Raise the age to 21	<p>Tobacco 21 does NOT address flavors. Tobacco 21 is helpful and makes it more difficult for youth to PURCHASE tobacco products, but flavors (nearly all current youth e-cigarette users use flavored e-cigarettes (82.9%)) are very appealing to kids and they're exposed and enticed by these products in social circles, where data shows this is a primary access point for initiation. Policies that prohibit sale are simply not enough. According to the 2018 Monitoring the Future Survey, more than 60% of 10th grade students say it is easy to get vaping devices and e-liquids</p>
Katelyn Rosewall	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed: I chose to start vaping because smoking cigarettes was starting to become a habit. I made a promise to never smoke cigarettes when my grandma had passed away from COPD and chronic emphysema. If it wasn't for vape, I would be a smoker. After vaping for three years, my lungs still sound great every time I go to the doctors and my oxygen is at 100%. I think it is wrong to take away flavor vape because it has helped so many smokers stop cigarettes. Also, the age for smoking was raised to 21 and that includes vape which makes it harder for teens to get their hands on it. So anyone who chooses to vape will be old enough to make a conscious decision for themselves.</p>		<p>The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is mandated to "endeavor to prevent disease, prolong life, and promote the public health through ... prevention and control of diseases [and] health problems of particularly vulnerable groups," such as youth. MCL 333.2221(1). It is empowered under the Public Health Code to exercise authority and promulgate rules to safeguard the public health. MCL 333.2226(d). The Department may also promulgate emergency rules without following the notice and participation procedures required by sections 41, 42, and 48 of 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.241, MCL 24.242, and MCL 24.248 of the Michigan Compiled Laws in circumstances where a finding of emergency is made. Our goal is to protect youth from the appealing flavors that draw them in to initiating use of e-cigarettes.</p>

Chantel Livernois	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed		
Brevin Ainslie	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Making the switch from cigarettes to flavored nicotine vaping might have saved my life. Taking away a safer alternative to smoking would send me back to cigarettes, which might be the biggest reason of all to oppose any flavor ban of nicotine juices.	Return to cigarettes if banned	An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking
				Although protecting the youth from nicotine addiction is an honest and fair goal, I'm not sure this is the proper way to do so.		
Emily Parsons	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I propose that rather than banning pieces of vaping for everyone, including the responsible adults that benefit from it, that we enforce the laws that already exist. There are already vape laws in place that aren't being followed by a minority of shops, and those laws that already exist should be enforced. A Wild Bill's Tobacco shop just down the street from me has been caught selling to minors 3 times that I am aware of and we should enforce that law with revoking of tobacco licenses rather than fines if we want to protect our teens. I am not pro teen vaping, but I also don't want the state to punish responsible adults who are trying to better themselves. My husband quit smoking and chewing tobacco 9 years ago and switched to vaping. His gums and lungs have both recovered and he is in much better health		Thank you for your comment. Your testimony has been documented.
Chase Burgedd	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: There's a lot more going on in this world, you'll have whips be available for 18+ but nicotine is for 21?	Personal Story	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony has been documented.
Tammy Riddle	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I quit smoking about 12 years ago. I started vaping. I tried the unflavored juice that was so bad I went back to smoking for a short time. I tried the flavored juice. Now I would never go back to smoking. I feel so much better. Please don't take that away from me. It should be my choice not the government's choice. What favor I want to vape	Personal Story	With this permanent rule, retailers may still sell e-cigarette products, including unflavored products, flavors that mimic tobacco and 0% non-nicotine flavored e-cigarettes to adults.

Deborah Hutchison	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed: I was a smoker for 20 years. 7 years ago I switched to vaping, and have never turned back to tobacco products. Fruit and sweet flavors have been my choice of flavors.</p> <p>My doctor watched the progress of how I had bronchitis all winter long. And no have had any problems of bronchitis since my switch to vaping.</p> <p>Please dont ban something that has change for the better.</p> <p>Governor Whitmore, why are you trying to control the lives of us michiganders? You have locked us down for over 6 months due to covid. And now trying to take our life styles away. There are more problems in Michigan, like the roads, that havent been fixed that you promised. I clearly dont understand.</p>	Personal Story	<p>The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is mandated to “endeavor to prevent disease, prolong life, and promote the public health through ... prevention and control of diseases [and] health problems of particularly vulnerable groups,” such as youth. MCL 333.2221(1). It is empowered under the Public Health Code to exercise authority and promulgate rules to safeguard the public health. MCL 333.2226(d). The Department may also promulgate emergency rules without following the notice and participation procedures required by sections 41, 42, and 48 of 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.241, MCL 24.242, and MCL 24.248 of the Michigan Compiled Laws in circumstances where a finding of emergency is made. Our goal is to protect youth from the appealing flavors that draw them in to initiating use of -cigarettes.</p>
Kilian Pauls	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed:</p> <p>I was able to QUIT smoking cigarettes with the use of vaping entirely. About 7 years ago i made the switch and have never looked back. Ive saved money ive been able to taste my food again, ive been able to go for long jogs and not get winded within 5 minutes like before. Plenty of other examples as well but at the end of the day if you take away flavors youre taking away vaping. And if youre using the excuse that its to "protect the children" the law is already 21 and older so if you do this then you better make youre next regulation about banning flavored alcohol. Do not ban flavored e-liquid.</p>	Personal Story	<p>Tobacco 21 does NOT address flavors. Tobacco 21 is helpful and makes it more difficult for youth to PURCHASE tobacco products, but flavors (nearly all current youth e-cigarette users use flavored e-cigarettes (82.9%)) are very appealing to kids and they're exposed and enticed by these products in social circles, where data shows this is a primary access point for initiation. Policies that prohibit sale are simply not enough. According to the 2018 Monitoring the Future Survey, more than 60% of 10th grade students say it is easy to get vaping devices and e-liquids</p>
Vanessa Hamlet	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed:</p> <p>I'm a 43 year old FORMER cigarette smoker. I use strawberry flavored vaping juice to quit smoking. I started at an 18mg unit bottle and am currently at a 3mg unit bottle.</p> <p>I DO NOT want anything that taste's remotely like a cigarette. That is my choice as an ADULT that is choosing to quit smoking cigarettes.</p>	Personal Story	<p>The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is mandated to “endeavor to prevent disease, prolong life, and promote the public health through ... prevention and control of diseases [and] health problems of particularly vulnerable groups,” such as youth. MCL 333.2221(1). It is empowered under the Public Health Code to exercise authority and promulgate rules to safeguard the public health. MCL 333.2226(d). The Department may also promulgate emergency rules without following the notice and participation procedures required by sections 41, 42, and 48 of 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.241, MCL 24.242, and MCL 24.248 of the Michigan Compiled Laws in circumstances where a finding of emergency is made. Our goal is to protect youth from the appealing flavors that draw them in to initiating use of -cigarettes.</p>

Michelle Pietrowsky	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I have been vaping for more than 9 years. I know in my heart that vaping saved my life. How about you "fix the damn roads" like you promised or do something else with the limited amount of time you have left in your position. Why is this so important now? You will be killing thousands of people if you do this. More lives than COVID took. Out of all the priorities in the world, THIS IS WHAT YOU CHOOSE TO FIGHT? This is probably the lowest of the list of important things that require your attention.	Personal Story	What we know about COVID-19 is that it is a respiratory illness. People of any age who have underlying medical conditions are at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19. There is growing evidence that e-cigarette use, or vaping, can negatively impact lung health, as seen in the E-cigarette, or Vaping, Associated Lung Injury (EVALI) outbreak. A new study (Journal of Adolescent Health released October 2020) found of 4,351 adolescents and young adults evaluated, a COVID-19 diagnosis was 5 times more likely among ever-users of e-cigarettes only.
Craig Otto	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I have been a smoker for 30 years. Now I have been smoke free for 2 years because of vaping. So I beg you to not support this ban. I don't want to go back to smoking. Thank you.	Return to cigarettes if banned	An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking
Jay Sexton	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Please allow e-liquids to remain on the market if they have a pmta application accepted by the FDA for substantial review and continue to stay on the market if they are approved by the FDA to stay on the market regardless. If you gripe is the youth access, go after the problem, which is online sales of the products. Ramp up the penalties for people who sell to minors. It is unconstitutional for you to choose what adults want to do with their lives.	FDA ban on flavors	Since 2009, FDA has had the authority to regulate e-cigarettes. So far, federal actions have left a variety of flavored products on the market, leading to a huge uptick in youth use of these products, leading the U.S. Surgeon General to declare youth e-cigarette use a public health epidemic. Further, the U.S. Surgeon General declared that states have a responsibility to act; states and locals have the authority to act.
Loyal Cloum	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I smoked for 30 years, I tried quitting several times without success. I tried tobacco flavored e-cigarettes and did not like them, finally i bought a flavored vapor product and I was cigarette free within a week. I have not smoked cigarettes for 5 years but, i still vape flavored e-cigarettes. My sense of smell and taste are vastly better now. My overall health is better after I switched from traditional cigarettes to flavored e-cigarettes. If flavors are banned it would be a travesty. Flavored e-cigarettes are allowing many people to quit smoking.	Personal Story	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony has been documented.
Patricia Koles	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I am 61 years old I been vaping over 10 years.. I enjoy the flavors and don't use the nicotine at all. I quit smoking all together from 1st time starting to vape.. it keeps me less stressed so I keep vaping better than smoking and all the awful things inside a cigarette..nothing is good for you but this is better.. keep the flavors youthful will do whatever whenever you can't stop them..even will alcohol	Personal Story	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony has been documented.

Christopher Wilhelm	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I have no desire to vape tobacco flavored products, so I am not sure what I will do if the flavor ban goes into effect. I will probably have to go out of state to purchase flavored eLiquid. Smoking contributes to (at least) 3 out of 5 of the leading causes of death in the United States. It kills far more people each year than COVID will. And I have seen no legitimate studies suggesting that vaping nicotine products causes respiratory conditions, let alone death. In fact, a recent study suggests vaping is at least 95% safer than smoking. I'm not suggesting that people should start vaping. I'm just asking you to preserve my access to a life saving alternative to smoking.	Other	Most e-cigarettes deliver nicotine, which is highly addictive and can harm the developing brains of teens, kids and fetuses in women who vape while pregnant. Some types expose users to even more nicotine than traditional cigarettes. E-cigarette aerosol includes potentially harmful substances such as diacetyl (a chemical linked to a serious lung disease), cancer-causing chemicals (e.g., acetaldehyde in ecig aerosol), volatile organic compounds (VOCs such as benzene found in gasoline), and heavy metals (nickel, tin, lead.)
Christopher Guzek	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Please stop your tyrannical rule you creature		Thank you for your comment. Your testimony has been documented.
Matthew Wilson (2)	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: the laws are good enough for those products, yet to even enter a vape shop you must be 21 yrs old. Adults like flavors, period, saying that these are marketed to kids is simply a LIE! we have laws and regulations in place we do not need any more, especially if it leaves me wanting to smoke again, by the way, I tried EVERY OTHER WAY TO QUIT, only vaping worked! Second comment: The only just option is to allow ADULTS to legally have access to products that will keep them alive and healthier, it's the only RIGHT thing to do. If it can't be worked out, myself and my family will firmly believe that MONEY was chosen over lives.	Personal Story	Tobacco 21 does NOT address flavors. Tobacco 21 is helpful and makes it more difficult for youth to PURCHASE tobacco products, but flavors (nearly all current youth e-cigarette users use flavored e-cigarettes (82.9%)) are very appealing to kids and they're exposed and enticed by these products in social circles, where data shows this is a primary access point for initiation. Policies that prohibit sale are simply not enough. According to the 2018 Monitoring the Future Survey, more than 60% of 10th grade students say it is easy to get vaping devices and e-liquids
Martin Jarbou (2)	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I have been Vaping for three years and save my life I was a three pack a day smoker you're a socialist leave us alone. Second Comment: Only a criminal will try to take away life-saving products like vape away and destroy small businesses and that's what you guys are	Personal Story	Thank you for your comment. As a Department, we have taken into account all aspects of this permanent rule, including concerns by the business community. This measure does not ban e-cigarettes. Sellers can still sell flavors that mimic tobacco, unflavored products and 0% non-nicotine flavors flavored vaping products in Michigan as well as flavored nicotine vapor products outside of Michigan to adult customers. Vape shops and other tobacco retailers can continue to sell e-cigarette devices, and components.
Jake Jarbou	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed		
Alicia Campagna	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I started vaping 6 years ago and haven't had an issue with anything. I am no longer getting sick and staying sick like I was with cigarettes. How is it the UK and other countries are on board with vaping and it being a safer alternative, yet the USA seems to think it is the devil? Stop lining your pockets with big tobacco's blood money. This has become a joke. We vape and we vote.	Personal Story	thank you for your comment. Your testimony has been documented.

Mark Faraj	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: We are still struggling with September 2019. We are stock with many products now the fda told us to sell pmta products we have to deal with state of Michigan enough Destroying Michigan businesses	FDA ban on flavors	Since 2009, FDA has had the authority to regulate e-cigarettes. So far, federal actions have left a variety of flavored products on the market, leading to a huge uptick in youth use of these products, leading the U.S. Surgeon General to declare youth e-cigarette use a public health epidemic. Further, the U.S. Surgeon General declared that states have a responsibility to act; states and locals have the authority to act.
Laura DeLage	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: The age was raised to 21. We as tax paying adults should get to decide for ourselves what we choose to do with our bodies! I think it's an overreaching power grab! The government doesn't get to decide what flavor I can use! Why are we being treated like children?	DHHS does not have authority	The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is mandated to "endeavor to prevent disease, prolong life, and promote the public health through ... prevention and control of diseases [and] health problems of particularly vulnerable groups," such as youth. MCL 333.2221(1). It is empowered under the Public Health Code to exercise authority and promulgate rules to safeguard the public health. MCL 333.2226(d). The Department may also promulgate emergency rules without following the notice and participation procedures required by sections 41, 42, and 48 of 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.241, MCL 24.242, and MCL 24.248 of the Michigan Compiled Laws in circumstances where a finding of emergency is made. Our goal is to protect youth from the appealing flavors that draw them in to initiating use of -cigarettes
Melissa Dutoi	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I was a 26 year smoker, approximately 1 pack a day. 4 years & 9 months ago I was diagnosed with Rheumatoid arthritis, while living in Florida, at age 42. With no known family history the best guess the Drs could come up with was that this was brought on by smoking. I tried chantix (didn't work for me) & then a month later I found vaping. I have been vaping ever since. I started with blue & black raspberry. I have been working at a vape shop for over a year & have personally helped several others to give up cigarettes completely. Our tiny vape shop mostly serves patrons over 50 years old. They are terrified of returning to cigarettes if they can't get their favorite flavors. PLEASE do not do this to our community. You will not only be taking away a better option for me but, also my job which as you know has been a trying enough year for all of us.	Return to cigarettes if banned	An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking

Karam Nasser	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I have 2 adult loved ones: my wife 36 yrs old quit a 20+ yr smoking habit w/vape (watermelon mint is her flavor). My grandmother quit a 50+ yr smoking habit w/vape (cognac butterscotch flavor). The FDA has already begun regulating vape as of Sept 9th. So our state representatives are now free to address more pertinent issues that plague our communities. Smoking is the #1 killer on the planet. Vape has been the most effective treatment against smoking. Let the FDA handle this one.	FDA ban on flavors	Since 2009, FDA has had the authority to regulate e-cigarettes. So far, federal actions have left a variety of flavored products on the market, leading to a huge uptick in youth use of these products, leading the U.S. Surgeon General to declare youth e-cigarette use a public health epidemic. Further, the U.S. Surgeon General declared that states have a responsibility to act; states and locals have the authority to act.
Corey Rodriguez	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: This is pathetic that she is trying to take away something that's actually trying to help people I've been cigarette free for over four years now from vaping and I feel 1000 times better just because she's being paid by tobacco companies does not give her the right to take away what helps us and is healthier alternative	Personal Story	Most e-cigarettes deliver nicotine, which is highly addictive and can harm the developing brains of teens, kids and fetuses in women who vape while pregnant. Some types expose users to even more nicotine than traditional cigarettes. E-cigarette aerosol includes potentially harmful substances such as diacetyl (a chemical linked to a serious lung disease), cancer-causing chemicals (e.g., acetaldehyde in ecig aerosol), volatile organic compounds (VOCs such as benzene found in gasoline), and heavy metals (nickel, tin, lead.)
Douglas Coleman	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Vaping has given me a chance to get healthy. Vaping has given me a community/support group that understands the struggle of quitting smoking. Please don't take this away from the hundreds of thousands trying to quit smoking. You can save the lives of many or you can turn around and kill them. The choice is in your hands.	Personal Story	While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation."
Matthew Haines	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed : That in my opinion could not have save my life if I wouldn't have had the plethora of options that this afforded me to once and for all end the deadly addiction to cigarettes. Today believe or not I still have COPD, however my initial pulmonary function test revealed I had 30% lung function in 2013 and today's results are around 50%, haven't had a smokers cough in 7 years, my lungs are clear, not a single negative side effects for a person who has a chronic lung disease.	Personal Story	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony has been documented.

Jason Wilson	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Banning flavors will most definitely force me and so many others to start mixing juice ourselves. That could potentially be very dangerous as the mixing is a science that should be left up to the experts. Not only is it dangerous but remember that extrapolated number you figured, well now calculate the economic impact that is going to have on the great state of Michigan when it comes to all those people buying from local shops. They ARE going to go elsewhere like Indiana and spend tax dollars there to get their e-liquid. That also means ALL these local vape shops are going to close their doors and families are going to be struggling to make ends meet once again.	
Brenda Wasilewski	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Decimation of this industry will impact our society as a whole; health care costs will most definitely go up should these products be limited to no flavors and most devices removed. There has to be a better way that will not cause E-Cig businesses to go out of business trying to comply as well. Please do not allow the tobacco companies, who got us into this health mess to win this. Our kids will suffer far worse consequences. Limiting access to children can be accomplished without completely destroying the industry,	
Teresa Thompson	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed.	
Jon Mattox (2)	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Flavor vaping is not the problem with teen vaping, the problem is gas stations and convenient stores selling to minors. I am 47 years old and quit smoking cigarettes because of flavor vaping. I don't vape tobacco flavor. Banning flavors is just going to make the sale of cigarettes rise and kill everyone who switches back. Maybe that's what our government wants, people smoking and dying.	
Heather Giganti	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: At 33 a friend introduced me to vaping. This literally saved my LIFE!! Once I started vaping, it took almost a year to get rid of the "smokers cough". Coughing up the most disgusting shit I've ever coughed up. But that 1st year of vaping, I did not get bronchitis, 2nd year still NO bronchitis. Saw a decrease in needing my inhaler. Present day..I do not remember the last time I used my inhaler	Personal Story

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Kathyn McFadden	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: . I can't believe Governor Whitmer is trying to take away a safer alternative to traditional cigarettes, especially now. Seriously, isn't there enough work to do in government in our current situation? Has she read the research (real research) on vaping, because it appears she hasn't. I shutter to think of all the businesses this will affect and the jobs that will be lost if this ban goes into effect. Have we not experienced enough devastation in our state and national economy, due to COVID19? Businesses are closing all over the State of Michigan and this will further hurt that many more.	Personal Story	Most e-cigarettes deliver nicotine, which is highly addictive and can harm the developing brains of teens, kids and fetuses in women who vape while pregnant. Some types expose users to even more nicotine than traditional cigarettes. E-cigarette aerosol includes potentially harmful substances such as diacetyl (a chemical linked to a serious lung disease), cancer-causing chemicals (e.g., acetaldehyde in ecig aerosol), volatile organic compounds (VOCs such as benzene found in gasoline), and heavy metals (nickel, tin, lead.)
Timothy Shelley	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Hello there I have been vaping for 6 years now and it has saved my life I was a pack and a half a day smoker since I was 13 years old and I starting vaping in 2013 and I have tried quitting smoke many times and nothing worked except vaping my smell came back my taste buds came back and I'm not winded chasing my daughter around anymore	Personal Story	thank you for your comment. Your testimony has been documented.
Alec Iounds	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I am an employee of Joost vapor. I have spent the last 7 years vaping as an alternative to smoking and helping hundreds and hundreds of people along the same path I took. The crushing weight of addiction to cigarettes is enough to make anyone sink to the lowest pit you can imagine. Varina was a safer alternative that afford me my life back my health back and a much easier time quitting.	Personal Story	Most e-cigarettes deliver nicotine, which is highly addictive and can harm the developing brains of teens, kids and fetuses in women who vape while pregnant. Some types expose users to even more nicotine than traditional cigarettes. E-cigarette aerosol includes potentially harmful substances such as diacetyl (a chemical linked to a serious lung disease), cancer-causing chemicals (e.g., acetaldehyde in ecig aerosol), volatile organic compounds (VOCs such as benzene found in gasoline), and heavy metals (nickel, tin, lead.)
David Rodabaugh	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed		
Maxwell LaCombe	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: He uses menthol with some fruit flavors to get more of a taste out of them, and went through quite a few flavors to find ones that work well for him. Eliminating his options puts him considerably closer to smoking, WHICH WILL KILL HIM. Please do not put him in a situation where this is a conflict he even has to think about. The fact that we are continually retreading this ground is beyond ridiculous. Stop wasting my time by having me have to send messages every time you try to ban these things. We have already seen many shops close due to the PMTA guidelines which is many lost jobs. I don't know why we would be trying to eliminate more jobs at this point, especially considering the pandemic	Personal Story	An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking.

David Brown	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Smoker for 25 years, vaping was the only thing that helped me quit. Smoke-free for 2 years now. Can breathe better, feel better, and the vaping leaves no stinky smell. I make my own fruity flavored vape juice, using the best ingredients, minimal nicotine. I enjoy it, and it doesn't bother other people like smoking - which kills 480,000 people in the US every year. Ban smoking!	Personal Story	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony has been documented.
Ryan Loucks	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I'm 29 years old I can run up and down the stairs I can work out also while vaping. If this flavor ban goes into effect I don't know what I'll do. But what I do know is I will never smoke cigarettes again, the fact that this governor is using teenagers to institute this flavor ban is ridiculous. We should then ban flavored alcohol because under age drinking is just as if not more harmful.	Personal Story	thank you for your comment. Your testimony has been documented.
David Sprayberry	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Since 2015 have been tobacco free only because of vaping. I tried every other method numerous time to quit and the only thing that worked was vaping. If ban goes into affect I will make my own e-liquid not in a lab and not on the high level they produce it now in certified labs or will consider the black market for purchasing, Tax it and call it a day!	Personal Story	thank you for your comment. Your testimony has been documented.
Jamie Maxwell	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: . A flavor ban would mean that I would not have an outlet for stress. And thats good for NO ONE! I refuse to smoke again, the taste the smell, the possibility of death is not even appealing. I will NEVER go back to cigarettes. My health is better, I can smell, taste, im not lethargic, I'm always ready to go, no smokers cough, and I can take a deep breath.	Personal Story	thank you for your comment. Your testimony has been documented.
Ernad Cerimovic	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: . If flavored Vapor products are banned here in Michigan I will be forced to go back to smoking or I will have to get my flavored vaping products off the internet or even from illegal sellers. Please don't force me & my family back into a deadly smoking habit. Vaping is for adults to be able to quit smoking. We need to keep these products out of children's hands, but we cannot punish adults who have used these flavored nicotine vaping products to stay away from smoking cigarettes	Personal Story	An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking.
Teaha Daniels	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Banning flavors in Michigan would but myself and my children at higher risk. When i say higher risk i mean my health will be tremendously effected from my breathing my taste. Secondly my children are at risk because if flavors are banned i could potentially subject myself into smoking traditional cigarettes again and thats a high risk for second had smoke for them.	Personal Story	An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking.

David Hanna	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Why does the state of Michigan keep trying to ban vaping when Marijuana use among teens keep rising. Vaping saved my life but removing this from market would just push me to start smoking. I am an adult and I have a choice of what I use.	Alcohol or Marijuana	We are only responding to the U.S. Surgeon General declaration that use of e-cigarettes by youth is a public health epidemic across the nation. The SG cited flavors as a main reason for this epidemic. These Administrative Rules do not address the issues of flavored marijuana and alcohol.
Robert Green	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: The only justification I can see for creating flavor ban is to stop minors from vaping. So enforce age restrictions just as on tobacco. If the flavor ban in Michigan goes through I will mail order from out of state or create my own juice. If one person goes back to smoking instead of vaping because of anything the government attempts to do to regulate it. The government is doing a disservice to the health and well-being of everyone involved. Just as the government did to me when it imposed excessive taxes on tobacco products that caused me to switch from a filtered cigarette to a non-filtered cigarette.	Raise the age to 21	Tobacco 21 does NOT address flavors. Tobacco 21 is helpful and makes it more difficult for youth to PURCHASE tobacco products, but flavors (nearly all current youth e-cigarette users use flavored e-cigarettes (82.9%)) are very appealing to kids and they're exposed and enticed by these products in social circles, where data shows this is a primary access point for initiation. Policies that prohibit sale are simply not enough. According to the 2018 Monitoring the Future Survey, more than 60% of 10th grade students say it is easy to get vaping devices and e-liquids
Dalton Gambino	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: You do realize if michigan bans flavors, as a fully grown tax-paying American you would be taking away my freedom to keep enjoying my nicotine without all the toxic garbage found in cigarettes. Do you enjoy breakfast cereal? Candy? Milkshakes? Then don't act like adults can't enjoy flavors. If I wanted tobacco flavor I'd keep smoking tobacco. Would that make you happy? Use your brain.	Personal Story	The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is mandated to "endeavor to prevent disease, prolong life, and promote the public health through ... prevention and control of diseases [and] health problems of particularly vulnerable groups," such as youth. MCL 333.2221(1). It is empowered under the Public Health Code to exercise authority and promulgate rules to safeguard the public health. MCL 333.2226(d). The Department may also promulgate emergency rules without following the notice and participation procedures required by sections 41, 42, and 48 of 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.241, MCL 24.242, and MCL 24.248 of the Michigan Compiled Laws in circumstances where a finding of emergency is made. Our goal is to protect youth from the appealing flavors that draw them in to initiating use of -cigarettes.
Kristopher Paul	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I was a smoker for 25 years. I tried gums, patches, chewing gums, and toothpicks to no avail. I have an addictive personality so cessation drugs are out of the question, and I don't believe in acupuncture. Vaping was the only thing that worked. I am now 7 years tobacco free. The thing is, I needed the variety of flavors. I didnt want my vape to taste like the thing I wanted to quit (tobacco). If I got tired of one flavor there were plenty others to try. That was the key element...variety. The same goes for ice cream. Variety is the spice of life as they say. I am 43 years old and I vape fruit flavors and dessert flavors. Please do not take away that which has kept me and thousands of other off tobacco. We need our flavored e-liquids.	Personal Story	With this permanent rule, retailers may still sell e-cigarette products, including unflavored products, flavors that mimic tobacco and 0% non-nicotine flavored e-cigarettes to adults.

Ryan Haddad	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Although not personally a smoker or Vapor, I have seen many people I know and friends switch to Vaping and it has eventually helped them to QUIT Vaping! Had it not been for the variety of flavors which have helped them go to vaping, I know that they'd still be smoking. It's alarming to me that there is consideration of a Flavor Ban on vaping. There are several varieties of flavors that have made it easier to switch.	Personal Story	While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes.
Clinton Barber (2)	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Flavors is what helps people stop smoking. Second comment: Fruit flavored eliquid saved my life by helping me quit smoking cigarettes.	Personal Story	While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes.
A Bettin	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: My blood pressure has come Donne. Now with vaping, I haven't smoked a cigarette in 6 yrs. Cigarettes used to hurt my chest. Vaping doesn't hurt at all, and I don't cough at all. Vaping doesn't stink like cigarettes, it's only 3 ingredients and I am the healthiest I felt in years, mind an body. Understand, people with mental illness need a coping tool. It also helps people quit smoking cigarettes. This vaping tool is needed	More effective to quit smoking	While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes.

William Dershem	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: This proposed ban is ONLY to eliminate tobacco competition and ensure "campaign contributions". It's a fool that believes otherwise. If the goal was to reduce availability to minors, they would do it just like alcohol and cigarettes.	Personal Story	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony is noted.
Susan Henson (2)	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I tried for 40 years to stop smoking ! I took Chantix, I got hypnotized, I used Nicorette, I used patches and nothing worked ! I found flavored vaping liquid and Wow...I quit 5 years ago and I continue to vape flavors to stay away from cigarettes ! Second Comment: If the flavor ban goes into effect I will be forced to find other ways to satisfy my flavor and nicotine needs and I am sure the local store I use will go out of business-	Personal Story	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony is noted.
Lelie Virag	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Protection of Michigan's youth from nicotine is a noble goal. But the idea of banning flavored nicotine products for EVERYONE is a bad idea. Not only would it prevent access to these alternative nicotine products for law-abiding adults who NEED them to quit smoking, it would also put many Michigan establishments out of business.	Loss of business/job	As a Department, we have taken into account all aspects of this permanent rule, including concerns by the business community. This measure does not ban e-cigarettes. Sellers can still sell flavors that mimic tobacco, unflavored products and 0% non-nicotine flavors flavored vaping products in Michigan as well as flavored nicotine vapor products outside of Michigan to adult customers. Vape shops and other tobacco retailers can continue to sell e-cigarette devices, and components. A report by Johns Hopkins University examined the economic impact of flavor bans for all tobacco products on tobacco retailers. The report found that a flavor ban would have minimal impact on retailers. Trends show that most retailers do not rely on these products as their only or primary source of revenue and are able to adapt their product offerings.

Kym Fuller	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Flavors are imperative to getting and staying off cigarettes, most adults have to completely disassociate from the taste of anything that reminds them of tobacco...Michiganders can legally smoke flavored cannabis, vape flavored THC & eat THC infused gummy bears but we can't vape flavored NICOTINE. This is about money not kids!	More effective to quit smoking	While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.
Donna Colton	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Please allow favored vapes. I smoked for almost 48 years, since 2010 I have vaped, no smell of smoke, lungs are much clearer and I feel so much better. I know there is a problem with young adults, but address that not taste.	Personal Story	With this permanent rule, retailers may still sell e-cigarette products, including unflavored products, flavors that mimic tobacco and 0% non-nicotine flavored e-cigarettes to adults
Heather Truxton (3)	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I have seen far to many people die from smoking and watch my papa die from smoking if you take away flavors your taking away my right to vape I never ever smoke again I don't want to vape something that reminds me of why I started smoking in the first place I need flavors so please don't take them away. Second comment:I don't want to be reminded of cigarettes when I vape flavors are an essential part of vaping if you take away flavors you force us to go other places to buy making us adults who vape be punished for something kids got ahold of isn't far to the adults who use vaping to quit smoking I feel better I can breathe please don't take away flavors from adults unless your going to take away flavored soda flavored water and if your going to take away flavors and come after vapors go after the smokers too	Personal Story	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony is noted.

Angela Bush	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I used flavored e liquid to quit smoking Marlboro Reds. I smoked for 20 years. It was the first time I was successful. Now 7 years later I have reduced the nicotine to 3 mgs and I am very healthy and happy. Please keep this smoking cessation option available.	More effective to quit smoking	While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.
Brian Reidsema	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed		
Susan Oser (2)	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: In this age of Covid-19 no business cannot afford to be lost and I know some great people who rely on flavors who have vape shops that are doing it the right way ad following all the rules. It would be best to ban the devices or punish those gas stations and drug stores who are not monitored by the state and sell to minors. Those are what you need to go after...not the consumer. Second Comment: I think the best thing to do is while you want to gain political points, because it's an election season, I would suggest waiting it out until after election to see where this country stands and how Michigan can go forward. That would give a lot of vape shops time to make their action plans set and there might be new information coming through that you would need to read through that maybe would be of some help to you. Why be in a rush when you really don't need to.	Loss of business/job	As a Department, we have taken into account all aspects of this permanent rule, including concerns by the business community. This measure does not ban e-cigarettes. Sellers can still sell flavors that mimic tobacco, unflavored products and 0% non-nicotine flavors flavored vaping products in Michigan as well as flavored nicotine vapor products outside of Michigan to adult customers. Vape shops and other tobacco retailers can continue to sell e-cigarette devices, and components. A report by Johns Hopkins University examined the economic impact of flavor bans for all tobacco products on tobacco retailers. The report found that a flavor ban would have minimal impact on retailers. Trends show that most retailers do not rely on these products as their only or primary source of revenue and are able to adapt their product offerings.
Theresa Painter	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed:It is my right to vape flavored nicotine products. Nicotine is legal. Stop trying to regulate the flavor. Cigarettes are dead. Vaping is the future weather you like it or not. Cigarettes are bad, vaping is better.	Personal Story	Most e-cigarettes deliver nicotine, which is highly addictive and can harm the developing brains of teens, kids and fetuses in women who vape while pregnant. Some types expose users to even more nicotine than traditional cigarettes. E-cigarette aerosol includes potentially harmful substances such as diacetyl (a chemical linked to a serious lung disease), cancer-causing chemicals (e.g., acetaldehyde in ecig aerosol), volatile organic compounds (VOCs such as benzene found in gasoline), and heavy metals (nickel, tin, lead.)

Joshua Stephenson	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Studies show that we have seen a 29% drop in youth vaping thus far through 2020. The 21+ laws are working. I smoked cigarettes for over 8 years, I was a pack a day smoker. I was able to quit smoking utilizing flavors such as Strawberry, Mango Lime, and more. While I do believe standards should be set for marketing and quality control, this is already being handled at the Federal level. A flavor ban for me will put me out of a job, my family out of a place to live, and leave my autistic son without his homeschool teacher. At a time with high unemployment, is destroying thousands of jobs really the thing we should be looking at? Especially considering FDA enforcement of the Deeming Regulations?	Data shows a decrease in use	Even with the decline, e-cigarette use remains a public health crisis, with 3.6 million kids using e-cigarettes in 2020. Current use remains at about the same level as it was in 2018 when the U.S. Surgeon General first called youth e-cigarette use an "epidemic." Moreover, the percentage of youth who use e-cigarettes frequently has grown every year since 2015, an indicator of serious addiction.
Giuseppa Spinali	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: . Its now been 5 years since I smoked combustible cigarettes and I feel fantastic. I run every day and I can breathe without coughing. Please don't take my right to live a healthy life. I am an adult and I choose to vape flavor juice.	Personal Story	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony is noted.
Nicolas McDowell	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I started on my journey to be sober and even though I never relapsed after moving out of my moms house I still craved heroin then I found vaping because I wanted to quit smoking and it helped me quit smoking and it became my hobby and one day afyer vaping for awhile those heroin craving became less and less until they disappeared so please do not take this away from us it helps people being a dictator isn't how you fix issues	Personal Story	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony is noted.
Sarah Schultz (2)	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I should be allowed to use nicotine however I choose. I also worry for my friends and family who vape or own vape shops. A ban is not helping anyone. Please think of small businesses and smokers who may turn to vaping to quit smoking. Second comment: Please don't remove this option from other adults that choose to live healthier by switching to vaping. We are responsible adults and should have these options open to us. This ban will hurt not only adults looking to stop smoking or remain smoke free but also many jobs and small businesses.	Personal Story	The adult rate of e-cigarette use is 6.1% in Michigan (2018) whereas the youth rates in Michigan are much higher at 20.8% in 2019 YRBS (MI). In 2020, the National Youth Tobacco Survey shows current youth e-cigarette use rate is 19.6% and 82.9% of kids use flavored e-cigarettes. So, there are many fewer adults who are using e-cigarettes than kids. There will still be unflavored products, flavors that mimic tobacco and 0% non-nicotine flavors available for adults.
Nathan Ellis	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Flavored eliquids have helped me stop a 13 year smoking habit. I now use a liquid that contains the lowest amount. Banning eliquids for responsible adults solves nothing but turning them back to more harmful products. As well as turning the youth that get these products illegally, to a more harmful nicotine delivery method. They can obtain alcohol, so why think that eliquids are the problem?	Return to cigarettes if banned	An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking.

Sean Ausi	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: A flavor ban WILL shut down my favorite Vape shops, put thousands out of work, and send hundreds of thousands of Michigan's former smokers like myself back to tobacco or the black market. I myself will be going to the inevitable underground market if this foolish ban takes effect...Can we just leave vaping alone and let it just police itself or have a non-biased 3rd party regulate it? Because it seems like every other week the vaping community has to fight for their rights AS GROWN ADULTS to buy and use vapor products.	Loss of business/job	As a Department, we have taken into account all aspects of this permanent rule, including concerns by the business community. This measure does not ban e-cigarettes. Sellers can still sell flavors that mimic tobacco, unflavored products and 0% non-nicotine flavors flavored vaping products in Michigan as well as flavored nicotine vapor products outside of Michigan to adult customers. Vape shops and other tobacco retailers can continue to sell e-cigarette devices, and components. A report by Johns Hopkins University examined the economic impact of flavor bans for all tobacco products on tobacco retailers. The report found that a flavor ban would have minimal impact on retailers. Trends show that most retailers do not rely on these products as their only or primary source of revenue and are able to adapt their product offerings.
Amanda Haley	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: My husband stopped chewing when he started vaping it was cheaper since he was chewing a lot and safer than chew.	Personal Story	Most e-cigarettes deliver nicotine, which is highly addictive and can harm the developing brains of teens, kids and fetuses in women who vape while pregnant. Some types expose users to even more nicotine than traditional cigarettes. E-cigarette aerosol includes potentially harmful substances such as diacetyl (a chemical linked to a serious lung disease), cancer-causing chemicals (e.g., acetaldehyde in ecig aerosol), volatile organic compounds (VOCs such as benzene found in gasoline), and heavy metals (nickel, tin, lead.)
Joshua Knoch	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Our shop has always followed strict rules when it came to things like childproof packaging, age verification and safety. The regulations have caused many shops to close, and will no doubt stop MILLIONS of people from being able to quit smoking in the future. MILLIONS. A recent study by the CDC shows it's the MOST EFFECTIVE way to quit smoking. Another one shows that it had DOUBLE the effectiveness of the patch, gum, medications and other methods	More effective to quit smoking	While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.

Chris Dobbs	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I understand that we would like to keep our youth from becoming addicted to nicotine. It is the parents responsibility to keep this from happening. Banning flavors will make sure that it stays difficult to quit smoking. The desires of adults making adult decisions should not be discounted because other adults can't take care of their own responsibilities.	Personal Story	The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is mandated to “endeavor to prevent disease, prolong life, and promote the public health through ... prevention and control of diseases [and] health problems of particularly vulnerable groups,” such as youth. MCL 333.2221(1). It is empowered under the Public Health Code to exercise authority and promulgate rules to safeguard the public health. MCL 333.2226(d). The Department may also promulgate emergency rules without following the notice and participation procedures required by sections 41, 42, and 48 of 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.241, MCL 24.242, and MCL 24.248 of the Michigan Compiled Laws in circumstances where a finding of emergency is made. Our goal is to protect youth from the appealing flavors that draw them in to initiating use of -cigarettes.
Jennifer Porter	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Cigs are worse than vaping but if your going to take vaping out you mine as well take cigs away as well and the liquor away. Those have more of a health problem than vaping ever had. Not to mention all the drugs that are out there that people are doing is 10 times worse then all of this combin. Yes if your worried about younger kids doing the vaping use a stricter system to keep them from doing it. Its not all us adults faults that our younger generations are touching it its are holder generations who can't or won't by, by the rules of the safty of our children.	Personal Story	Most e-cigarettes deliver nicotine, which is highly addictive and can harm the developing brains of teens, kids and fetuses in women who vape while pregnant. Some types expose users to even more nicotine than traditional cigarettes. E-cigarette aerosol includes potentially harmful substances such as diacetyl (a chemical linked to a serious lung disease), cancer-causing chemicals (e.g., acetaldehyde in ecig aerosol), volatile organic compounds (VOCs such as benzene found in gasoline), and heavy metals (nickel, tin, lead.)
Jesse Jatoft	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I quit smoking entirely using vaping products. I used fruit flavors as they don't remind you of a cigarette. To ban an entire industry of flavored e juice is preposterous. All the studies that have been done show its a 96% safer alternative to smoking! Why should the right to these products be taken away from the American people?	Safer than smoking	Most e-cigarettes deliver nicotine, which is highly addictive and can harm the developing brains of teens, kids and fetuses in women who vape while pregnant. Some types expose users to even more nicotine than traditional cigarettes. E-cigarette aerosol includes potentially harmful substances such as diacetyl (a chemical linked to a serious lung disease), cancer-causing chemicals (e.g., acetaldehyde in ecig aerosol), volatile organic compounds (VOCs such as benzene found in gasoline), and heavy metals (nickel, tin, lead.)

Timothy Donlan	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I don't understand how a flavor ban can be considered when the interest of public health is the greatest concern. It just doesn't make any sense when one considers that vapor products are at least 95% safer than combustible tobacco products. Take a look at England where a scientific and fact-based approach is taken...you can even purchase vapor products in some hospitals there! They consider vapor products to be effective and safe and encourage their use for people who are current smokers.	More effective to quit smoking	While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.
Issa Rkein	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Please reconsider and think about all the people that will be negatively effected by a ban. People will turn to making their own juice will be terrible idea. Keep the labs open and allow us to buy from the professionals	Personal Story	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony is noted.
Keith Fraley	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I'm a 49 year old and quit smoking about 6 years ago using vaping as a way to quit. I love to vape candy flavors as well as fruit flavors. I can tell you first hand this has changed my life and improved my overall health, by taking this away you will be hurting a lot of people and putting them at risk to relapse and go back to cigarettes. In a free world we should have the right to use these products and the government has no right to take it away!!	Personal Story	An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking.

Eric Campbell	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: . Being an asthmatic, my doctor warned me of what would happen if I didn't quit smoking cigarettes. I have been cigarettes free for almost 7 years. I still vape but my doctor can't find any thing that would indicate I was a smoker for years. Banning flavors would cost me my job and would remove a life saving product from the hands of people who are looking to quit smoking.	More effective to quit smoking	While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.
Joe Davis	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I smoked for eight years and found vaping. Ive used it to quit smoking and havent had a cigarette in going on two years now. I vape fruit flavored e liquids. Stopping the sale of these will force me to go back to cigarettes. I havent beat my nicotine addiction, but I have made a healthier choice by vaping. I feel better and have regained my sense of smell and taste. I also dont smell like an ash try all the time. I strongly urge you to NOT ban flavored vape juice.	Personal Story	An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking.
Courtney Cellamare	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: You think your helping people by enforcing another flavor ban? Well you're not. Why aren't you going after the large Tobacco companies? Why not have them enforce their own underage problem? Its the same concept of you with the flavor ban. Enforce stores checking ID. Like I said in the beginning, ask yourself what the real problem is. Also less cigarettes ➡ for us is environmentally friendly! Less cigarette butts on the streets, less smoke in the air, and no first or second hand effects.	Other	Despite age restrictions, retailers continue to sell these products to minors. In the summer of 2018, the FDA's undercover enforcement efforts yielded over 1,300 warning letters and fines to brick-and-mortar and online retailers for illegally selling e-cigarettes to minors. According to FY2019 data, Michigan has a sale to minor violation rate of 10%. It should be noted that MI leads the nation in no sales orders which are given out by the FDA when, during compliance checks, sales are made to minors. More youth report buying e-cigarettes at a vape shop than from a gas station or convenience store (16.5% vs. 9.8%).
Robert Lucas	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Enough of this nonsense of our governor trying to see her big tobacco cash bonds, I am a 35-year-old vape and flavors saved my life.	Personal Story	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony is noted.

Chris Weidlich	n/a	individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Flavors were instrumental in product effectiveness, not only in my opinion, but also according to the other millions of adult Vapers, now former smokers. I strongly oppose flavor bans. I strongly oppose vape bans. I strongly support enforcing age restrictions as they stand, and strongly support following the lead of England with regards to Tobacco Harm Reduction.	Other	An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking.
Cale Cechovsky	n/a	individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: In my opinion you are hurting more people by banning flavor then helping them. If people like me didn't have an option with flavored vape then I wouldn't have quit cigarettes. I will never go back to smoking cigarettes! I will order online or I will shop out of state. And you will never get a vote for office from me.	Other	An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking.
Timothy Nenciarini	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I will continue to vape and buy black market if I have to. To prove a point. And when ppl start doing that, then you will really see the terror of vaping. Black market vape juice is the problem and I hope you see negative consequences by forcing ppl to either smoke cigarettes or buy flavored nicotine off of the internet. Have a good day. We will prevail.	Black Market	To date, we have not seen this play out in other jurisdictions who have removed flavored e-cigarettes. There is insufficient evidence that flavor restrictions will lead to an illicit market. Tobacco companies have consistently claimed that there is a risk of an illicit market to discourage governments from implementing effective tobacco control measures, but we have seen no evidence of this. The tobacco industry makes similar claims about the creation of a black-market following tobacco tax increases, and study after study has shown that the industry's claims are overblown.
Mary Gulasey	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I as an adult need the flavors to stay quit ,even 7 years later ,and should not be penalized because government can't or won't implement mandatory rules both online and in person sales to minors. Seems a simple fix to me ,and other states are using these tactics rather successfully, . Please consider my life as well as every kid out there and implement the rules that will allow both faction to be safe. The vaping adult community is behind no sales to minors especially in gas station, party stores ,and online,100%	Other	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony is noted.

Bridget Patton	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed: My husband quit a 25+ year and 2-3 packs a day habit with vaping. He's feeling healthier and happier than he has in years.</p> <p>I don't use vaping to quit smoking, I use vaping for stress relief and it has helped me with weight loss. The flavors have helped satisfy my sweet tooth and I've lost over 90lbs. I am feeling much healthier and happier too.</p> <p>It is a proven fact that adults like and use flavors in vaping to quit deadly combustible cigarettes. It's already illegal for youths to use or purchase, as are cigarettes and alcohol and nobody's trying to ban those.</p>	Adults enjoy flavors	<p>The adult rate of e-cigarette use is 6.1% in Michigan (2018) whereas the youth rates in Michigan are much higher at 20.8% in 2019 YRBS (MI). In 2020, the National Youth Tobacco Survey shows current youth e-cigarette use rate is 19.6% and 82.9% of kids use flavored e-cigarettes. So, there are many fewer adults who are using e-cigarettes than kids.</p>
Aasron Fleischman	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed: I smoked for 13 years and was only able to quit when I started using fruity flavored vapor. I am a 35 year old man and I don't remember being able to breathe this well. Please don't take away the thing that is keeping me from killing myself with Tobacco.</p>	Personal Story	<p>Most e-cigarettes deliver nicotine, which is highly addictive and can harm the developing brains of teens, kids and fetuses in women who vape while pregnant. Some types expose users to even more nicotine than traditional cigarettes. E-cigarette aerosol includes potentially harmful substances such as diacetyl (a chemical linked to a serious lung disease), cancer-causing chemicals (e.g., acetaldehyde in ecig aerosol), volatile organic compounds (VOCs such as benzene found in gasoline), and heavy metals (nickel, tin, lead.)</p>
Matthew Allos	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed: I am 29 years old and I have been vaping since I was 22. I use to smoke cigarettes at the age of 18-22. In the 4 years I smoked cigarettes, I felt horrible, had a bad cough & my lungs hurt when I tried to exercise. Ever since I quit by switching to a flavored vape I've felt great. No more coughs, I can exercise without feeling winded, my lungs have healed & I don't have the 4000+ chemicals entering my body as opposed to the 4 in vapes. Please don't ban flavors, me along with millions of other vapors in the USA need the flavors. It's my body so my choice!</p>	It's my personal right as an adult	<p>The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is mandated to "endeavor to prevent disease, prolong life, and promote the public health through ... prevention and control of diseases [and] health problems of particularly vulnerable groups," such as youth. MCL 333.2221(1). It is empowered under the Public Health Code to exercise authority and promulgate rules to safeguard the public health. MCL 333.2226(d). The Department may also promulgate emergency rules without following the notice and participation procedures required by sections 41, 42, and 48 of 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.241, MCL 24.242, and MCL 24.248 of the Michigan Compiled Laws in circumstances where a finding of emergency is made. Our goal is to protect youth from the appealing flavors that draw them in to initiating use of -cigarettes.</p>

Billy Barr	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: As I mentioned I started smoking when I was 12. Flavoring didn't exist. Fancy names didn't exist. Did it stop me, or any of the other underage children/teens from not smoking? No. It did not. They, like me, started smoking anyway, and many of them still do. Switching over to vapor products may have quite literally saved my life. Denying legal aged adults from this, is a huge disservice to the great people of Michigan.	It's my personal right as an adult	The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is mandated to "endeavor to prevent disease, prolong life, and promote the public health through ... prevention and control of diseases [and] health problems of particularly vulnerable groups," such as youth. MCL 333.2221(1). It is empowered under the Public Health Code to exercise authority and promulgate rules to safeguard the public health. MCL 333.2226(d). The Department may also promulgate emergency rules without following the notice and participation procedures required by sections 41, 42, and 48 of 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.241, MCL 24.242, and MCL 24.248 of the Michigan Compiled Laws in circumstances where a finding of emergency is made. Our goal is to protect youth from the appealing flavors that draw them in to initiating use of -cigarettes.
Alan Atalia	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I've been vaping a little more than 10 years now I was trying to kick the habit of smoking cigars and little cigars, I took vaping as alternative and never looked back . I love the different options to kinda mimic my little cigar taste but without the chemicals. What a difference it's made in my life .	Safer than smoking	Most e-cigarettes deliver nicotine, which is highly addictive and can harm the developing brains of teens, kids and fetuses in women who vape while pregnant. Some types expose users to even more nicotine than traditional cigarettes. E-cigarette aerosol includes potentially harmful substances such as diacetyl (a chemical linked to a serious lung disease), cancer-causing chemicals (e.g., acetaldehyde in ecig aerosol), volatile organic compounds (VOCs such as benzene found in gasoline), and heavy metals (nickel, tin, lead.)
Joseph Bailo	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Quit smoking 3 years ago and switched to vapor products. I feel so much better after making the switch. There is no reason that my vapor cannot taste good. There is an age limit for a reason on tobacco products.	Personal Story	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony is noted.
Seth Linkous (2)	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Plz do not do a flavor ban. I'm 40 years old and use flavors to help me stay away from that nasty tabbacco taste. This flavors has save my life. It has save many lives, why would you wanna stop that. Second Comment: . Plz plz dont take our flavors away or make it hard for us to get them or way to \$ to get licensed. We need these flavors. I mean why would you want us to go bad to these bad toxic ciggerettes. Plz plz don't take my flavors.	Personal Story	Most e-cigarettes deliver nicotine, which is highly addictive and can harm the developing brains of teens, kids and fetuses in women who vape while pregnant. Some types expose users to even more nicotine than traditional cigarettes. E-cigarette aerosol includes potentially harmful substances such as diacetyl (a chemical linked to a serious lung disease), cancer-causing chemicals (e.g., acetaldehyde in ecig aerosol), volatile organic compounds (VOCs such as benzene found in gasoline), and heavy metals (nickel, tin, lead.)

Dylon Poplin	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Vaping has helped me to quit cigarettes all the flavors that your trying to ban has helped not smoke a cigarette in 6 years, you know why that is? Because of flavors not i don't walk around smelling like an ash tray instead people tell me wow you smell like cotton candy or wow you smell like berry's it smells so good. I don't understand how your going to say these flavors appeal to children well guess what so does flavored alcohol. I can tell you as a kid I wanted to try the flavored alcohol before I wanted a cigarette or a vape. This doesn't make since, we understand its not healthy but it is a safer alternative to vaping not all the harmful chemicals and pesticides from smoking a cigarette. If you put this ban in place your going to see a jump in the percentage of teen cigarette smoking or even worse your going to have people selling the flavors online with a bunch of chemicals in them causing them to end up in the hospital or again even worse die	Safer than smoking	Most e-cigarettes deliver nicotine, which is highly addictive and can harm the developing brains of teens, kids and fetuses in women who vape while pregnant. Some types expose users to even more nicotine than traditional cigarettes. E-cigarette aerosol includes potentially harmful substances such as diacetyl (a chemical linked to a serious lung disease), cancer-causing chemicals (e.g., acetaldehyde in ecig aerosol), volatile organic compounds (VOCs such as benzene found in gasoline), and heavy metals (nickel, tin, lead.)
Sandra Brumwell	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I had been a smoker for 40 plus years and tried numerous times to quit. I have finally succeeded thanks to vaping. I started vaping just over 5 years ago, I liked it not only for the hand to mouth motions it was also not giving me the tar that goes with traditional cigerettes but I could control the amount of nicotine I was consuming. I gradually lowered my nicotine so much that I also quite the vaping.	Safer than smoking	Most e-cigarettes deliver nicotine, which is highly addictive and can harm the developing brains of teens, kids and fetuses in women who vape while pregnant. Some types expose users to even more nicotine than traditional cigarettes. E-cigarette aerosol includes potentially harmful substances such as diacetyl (a chemical linked to a serious lung disease), cancer-causing chemicals (e.g., acetaldehyde in ecig aerosol), volatile organic compounds (VOCs such as benzene found in gasoline), and heavy metals (nickel, tin, lead.)
Kassandra Vugteveen	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Please stp the flavor band.		Thank you for your comment. Your testimony is noted.
Chris Peterson	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Please do not pass a flavor ban. I have been using flavored vapor products for years. I have struggled with smoking my entire adult life. Vapor products have helped me quit smoking, and I have been able to reduce my nicotine levels significantly. I am on the road to being completely nicotine free. These products have helped me reach my goals.	More effective to quit smoking	An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking.
Zachery Rey	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I had started smoking cigarettes when I started college and it morphed into me smoking 1-2 packs a day. It was horribly expensive and I always felt like crap. I switched to a vape two years ago and it's cleaner, cheaper, and I have felt better than I did when I smoked cigarettes! Let alone I smell better too	Safer than smoking	Most e-cigarettes deliver nicotine, which is highly addictive and can harm the developing brains of teens, kids and fetuses in women who vape while pregnant. Some types expose users to even more nicotine than traditional cigarettes. E-cigarette aerosol includes potentially harmful substances such as diacetyl (a chemical linked to a serious lung disease), cancer-causing chemicals (e.g., acetaldehyde in ecig aerosol), volatile organic compounds (VOCs such as benzene found in gasoline), and heavy metals (nickel, tin, lead.)

Mark Denney	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: . No one that vapes wants anything that tastes like a cigarette in their mouths, this is why the flavors are so important. In the beginning for me it was a Bubble Gum flavor that kept me off of cigarettes. Since then I've vaped hundreds if not thousands of different flavors and here I sit typing this to you in good health. Flavors are key, once an ex-smoker finds one they can enjoy, game over. Cigarettes are no longer needed. An alternative angle that should be discussed is a limit on the strength of nicotine in these products. This is the biggest difference with normal nicotine replacement options i.e. (gum, patches, lozenges). Teenagers that are using closed pod systems are getting ahold of the ones with huge percentages of nicotine, hence basically getting high from the nicotine. This is where your laws should come into play and only here.	Other	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony is noted.
Anthony Kemp	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: The argument is that kids under the age of 18 get ahold of these items. but its the same for cigarettes. kid can go up to an 18+ yr old person and ask them to buy them cigarettes, or bribe them with money to get them a pack of cigarettes. the vape shops and cigarette shops are doing their jobs by carding people. so if that person is 18 or over then yeah they can get it, In addition to that, parents will also buy the items for them. so if you are banning vapes and the flavors. why wouldn't you ban cigarettes aswell, also flavored cigarettes exist also so whats stopping kids from obtaining flavored cigarettes or cigarettes in general.	Other	We are responding to the Surgeon General's declaration of a public health epidemic of youth use of e-cigarettes. Removal of all flavored tobacco products is the best solution; however, data shows kids use other flavored tobacco products at much lower rates.
amandak71418	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: If it's a matter of thinking it will stop minors from wanting to vape, it won't. It's a well know that most younger people that vape do not do it for the flavor. They do it for the cloud of smoke. They make shapes with their hands and mouths as they blow the vape cloud out. Which I'm pretty sure they can do with plain tobacco flavored vape juice. I'm no politician, but, it seems like this should be the last thing on your mind. Considering, we are in the middle of a pandemic, it seems like your focus should be that. Stop trying to control what I do with my body.	It's my personal right as an adult	The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is mandated to "endeavor to prevent disease, prolong life, and promote the public health through ... prevention and control of diseases [and] health problems of particularly vulnerable groups," such as youth. MCL 333.2221(1). It is empowered under the Public Health Code to exercise authority and promulgate rules to safeguard the public health. MCL 333.2226(d). The Department may also promulgate emergency rules without following the notice and participation procedures required by sections 41, 42, and 48 of 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.241, MCL 24.242, and MCL 24.248 of the Michigan Compiled Laws in circumstances where a finding of emergency is made. Our goal is to protect youth from the appealing flavors that draw them in to initiating use of -cigarettes.

Jody Nielsen	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: If not for the flavored e-liquid i never would of quit. I tried tge tobacco flavored e-liquid but that just made me want a cigarette. My health has improved. I can taste food better and my asthma isn't as bad as it was when i was smoking. If the flavors get banned, i will more then likely go under ground because no site will be aloud to ship here. My favorite local shop will be forced to close. A shop that brings great business to a small town. So please dont ban flavors. I honestly believe that it wont stop children from getting there hands on them. The children that are getting them, thier parents should keep a better eye on them.	Other	To date, we have not seen this play out in other jurisdictions who have removed flavored e-cigarettes. There is insufficient evidence that flavor restrictions will lead to an illicit market. Tobacco companies have consistently claimed that there is a risk of an illicit market to discourage governments from implementing effective tobacco control measures, but we have seen no evidence of this. The tobacco industry makes similar claims about the creation of a black-market following tobacco tax increases, and study after study has shown that the industry's claims are overblown.
Sabina Dando	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Leave the vapes alone let me have one thing in life if I have to quarantine I want my flavored vapes.	Personal Story	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony is noted.
Falon Thomas	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: These products are produced and marketed as a safer alternative to cigarette smoking, not for children. But, like with many things, it's purpose was perverted and children joined in. Make laws that punish parents for not watching their children, not for products children use.	Safer than smoking	Most e-cigarettes deliver nicotine, which is highly addictive and can harm the developing brains of teens, kids and fetuses in women who vape while pregnant. Some types expose users to even more nicotine than traditional cigarettes. E-cigarette aerosol includes potentially harmful substances such as diacetyl (a chemical linked to a serious lung disease), cancer-causing chemicals (e.g., acetaldehyde in ecig aerosol), volatile organic compounds (VOCs such as benzene found in gasoline), and heavy metals (nickel, tin, lead.)
Erick Cornell	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: After smoking cigarettes for 26 years I picked up vaping. This not only have a positive affect on my health, it also helps reverse the developing COPD in my son. I worked in the industry for almost 4 years, in that time hundreds of people got off cigarettes and started vaping. A 95% reduction in harm is more than adequate to keep all of these products on the market. I am sick to death with the battle against vaping when really the battle should be against states miss managing their MSA agreement funds.	Safer than smoking	Most e-cigarettes deliver nicotine, which is highly addictive and can harm the developing brains of teens, kids and fetuses in women who vape while pregnant. Some types expose users to even more nicotine than traditional cigarettes. E-cigarette aerosol includes potentially harmful substances such as diacetyl (a chemical linked to a serious lung disease), cancer-causing chemicals (e.g., acetaldehyde in ecig aerosol), volatile organic compounds (VOCs such as benzene found in gasoline), and heavy metals (nickel, tin, lead.)
Taylor Washburn	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Vaping has helped my fiancee to not smoke cigarettes.	Personal Story	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony is noted.

Stephanie Clelland	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: As a 47 year old hard working female that has been working for the last 31 years, pays my bills and paying my taxes, it makes me angry that someone is going to tell me how I can spend my hard earned expendable income and what is best for me. One would think that at this point in my life I would be able to make the best choices for myself. I agree children should not be vaping, but this is not the way to go about it.	It's my personal right as an adult	The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is mandated to “endeavor to prevent disease, prolong life, and promote the public health through ... prevention and control of diseases [and] health problems of particularly vulnerable groups,” such as youth. MCL 333.2221(1). It is empowered under the Public Health Code to exercise authority and promulgate rules to safeguard the public health. MCL 333.2226(d). The Department may also promulgate emergency rules without following the notice and participation procedures required by sections 41, 42, and 48 of 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.241, MCL 24.242, and MCL 24.248 of the Michigan Compiled Laws in circumstances where a finding of emergency is made. Our goal is to protect youth from the appealing flavors that draw them in to initiating use of -cigarettes.
Brian Clelland	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I have relied on the flavors for vaping as if I was to vape a tobacco flavored e-juice, I think I would have and still would go back to smoking as it would remind me way to much of the product that had me addicted for 20+ years. This isn't only about me and the thousand of other adults that have made the choice to vape vs smoking cigarettes, its about the hard working business owners that gave us an alternative to what I feel is a healthier life style. I fear that these business owners will not make it. For me, that is worse than me going back to smoking. Some of them have invested everything they have to this industry, one of which being the online vape shop I purchase from. She is a single mom running her own business and doing it well to support her child and she truly cares about her customers.	Return to cigarettes if banned	An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking.
Stacey Messner	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Vaping has saved the lives of people I care about. I've watched them grow healthier and stop coughing and quit cigarettes and cigars with the aid of flavored vaping products. When the governor banned flavors in the past I watched some immediately go back to traditional cigarettes and tobacco and compromise their health. We can NOT ban flavored vape products, if we do many will dangerously attempt to make their own or buy them illegally on the black market or simply go back to smoking proven deadly cigarettes!	Return to cigarettes if banned	An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking.

Nathan Blume	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I have convinced many people to stop using harmful cigarettes and helped them to find the right e-cigarette device. The wide range of flavors makes it easier to find something that can help each individual quit smoking. Eliminating flavors risks leaving more people addicted to cigarettes, not fewer people using e-cigarettes. `` A final topic I'd like to address is the boon to small business created through the e-cig industry. The manufacture and sale of flavored e-liquid has created creating jobs for Michigan residents and resulted in new small businesses who are willing to pay fair taxes on the products they make/sell.	Return to cigarettes if banned	An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking.
Kristena Kelley	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: By not selling nicotine to minors. There are rules for a reason. Keep an eye out for fake IDs. You don't have to ban it for adults, just kids.	Other	Despite age restrictions, retailers continue to sell these products to minors. In the summer of 2018, the FDA's undercover enforcement efforts yielded over 1,300 warning letters and fines to brick-and-mortar and online retailers for illegally selling e-cigarettes to minors. According to FY2019 data, Michigan has a sale to minor violation rate of 10%. It should be noted that MI leads the nation in no sales orders which are given out by the FDA when, during compliance checks, sales are made to minors.
Jeremy Wright	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Every single person on the planet enjoys things that taste good. Not just children. For once forget about the money and think about peoples health. If you really cared about the youth and peoples health you wouldn't even sell cigarettes so getting rid of a safer alternative is just plain stupid. My quality of life has improved significantly from vaping. I breathe better, I smell better, my gums are healthier. Please don't make it hard for me to be safe.	Adults enjoy flavors	The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is mandated to "endeavor to prevent disease, prolong life, and promote the public health through ... prevention and control of diseases [and] health problems of particularly vulnerable groups," such as youth. MCL 333.2221(1). It is empowered under the Public Health Code to exercise authority and promulgate rules to safeguard the public health. MCL 333.2226(d). The Department may also promulgate emergency rules without following the notice and participation procedures required by sections 41, 42, and 48 of 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.241, MCL 24.242, and MCL 24.248 of the Michigan Compiled Laws in circumstances where a finding of emergency is made. Our goal is to protect youth from the appealing flavors that draw them in to initiating use of -cigarettes.
Jennifer Spires	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I only vape and the flavors allow me to change what I want in my vape each time it gets refilled. Stop punishing us responsible adults because parents refuse to take responsibility for their children's actions and behavior.	Adults enjoy flavors	flavored 0% nicotine remains available

Michael Scheeres	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: This flavor ban is a detriment to public health and well-being, mine included. We can't kid ourselves: everyone, all ages included, like these flavors proposed to be banned. I hate tobacco and alcohol flavors. Please reconsider this idea. Instead, crack down on marketing towards children, including messages, labels, and graphics that appeal to young people. A flavor ban will also put many people out of business and lose their jobs over this - for what, exactly? Us kidding ourselves that a flavor ban will improve the health and well-being of society and keep vaping out of the hands of minors.	Other	As a Department, we have taken into account all aspects of this permanent rule, including concerns by the business community. This measure does not ban e-cigarettes. Sellers can still sell flavors that mimic tobacco, unflavored products and 0% non-nicotine flavors flavored vaping products in Michigan as well as flavored nicotine vapor products outside of Michigan to adult customers. Vape shops and other tobacco retailers can continue to sell e-cigarette devices, and components. A report by Johns Hopkins University examined the economic impact of flavor bans for all tobacco products on tobacco retailers. The report found that a flavor ban would have minimal impact on retailers. Trends show that most retailers do not rely on these products as their only or primary source of revenue and are able to adapt their product offerings
James Ralston	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Allowing the sale of combustible tobacco products which are well-established to be harmful, yet wanting to drastically curtail the sale of vapor products that have never been proven to cause any kind of damage, demonstrates all too clearly Governor Whitmer's political motivations and the state being beholden to Big Tobacco. I support common sense rules like requiring ID, raising the age to 21, and performing spot-checks of retailers aggressively to weed out non-compliance. But taking away flavored e-liquid completely is a drastic overreaction and will cause more harm than good, especially to those of us who not only vape but vote.	Other	Tobacco 21 does NOT address flavors. Tobacco 21 is helpful and makes it more difficult for youth to PURCHASE tobacco products, but flavors (nearly all current youth e-cigarette users use flavored e-cigarettes (82.9%)) are very appealing to kids and they're exposed and enticed by these products in social circles, where data shows this is a primary access point for initiation. Policies that prohibit sale are simply not enough. According to the 2018 Monitoring the Future Survey, more than 60% of 10th grade students say it is easy to get vaping devices and e-liquids

Douglas Zayaz	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I smoked for over 15 years. Tried various ways of quitting smoking over the years and none of them worked. I started vaping 7 years ago with flavor vape products and it worked. I vape. I vote.	Personal Story	While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.
Jessica Tanner	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I smoked cigarettes for 15 years, I quit finally about 2 years ago. After many tries. One of the bigger reasons I use a vape is the fact that it doesn't TASTE LIKE A CIGARETTE. Having options for me to not taste or smell like cigarettes is important. Removing the flavors would give me many reasons to return to smoking. Not just myself but many other adults who have successfully stopped smoking cigarettes. This ban isn't going to stop younger people (teens), it will drive teens & adults alike to cigarettes.	Return to cigarettes if banned	An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking.
Kevin Fitzgerald	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: It's been 9 years since I started vaping and have stopped smoking. I don't even want to know how I would feel if I continued to smoke that whole time. I truly believe the different flavors of e-juice that I enjoy helped me quit. I've tried a few different "tobacco" flavors and they were all horrible and made me think of smoking again. Banning flavors will literally do nothing but hurt people, especially young adults. More people will just go back to smoking, it will also create a unregulated black market of flavored e juice.	Other	To date, we have not seen this play out in other jurisdictions who have removed flavored e-cigarettes. There is insufficient evidence that flavor restrictions will lead to an illicit market. Tobacco companies have consistently claimed that there is a risk of an illicit market to discourage governments from implementing effective tobacco control measures, but we have seen no evidence of this. The tobacco industry makes similar claims about the creation of a black-market following tobacco tax increases, and study after study has shown that the industry's claims are overblown.

Alex Lindblom	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Vaping saved my life. I no longer have to worry that I'm slowly killing myself. And the flavors are awesome. They make it better. It keeps my away from the cigarettes. I dont expect anyone to understand unless you have gone through it. Dont take away something that you don't understand, and is also backed by science.	Personal Story	<p>While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.'</p> <p>There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.</p>
Jennifer Marsack	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Vaping has gotten me and at least 5 of my family members to quit smoking cigarettes. Vaping helped me to quit a 20 year habit after many failed attempts with other methods/products. Nothing ever worked until I found Vaping. Not to mention all the Michigan businesses this will put out of business during these already very difficult times.	Personal Story	<p>While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.'</p> <p>There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.</p>

Goblin Godie	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Vaping has saved my life as cigarettes were killing me quickly. I tried everything available to quit but it wasn't until I found strawberry cheesecake e liquid that is was able to kick the habit for good.	Personal Story	<p>While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.'</p> <p>There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.</p>
Susan Henson	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: The 30 year war on trying to quit smoking was won by vaping flavors ! If you take them away not only will it affect me but million of other adults who finally were able to stop cigarettes and switch to vaping flavors !	Personal Story	<p>While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.'</p> <p>There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.</p>

Calan Truax	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Hello Madam Governor, this new proposed flavor ban on E-Juice for vaping is RIDICULOUS. Unless cigarettes & alcohol start getting banned E-juices don't need to be banned either. Minors aren't allowed to buy ejuice and US adults should Be able to decide if we want to vape or not without having to have permission from little hitler!	It's my personal right as an adult	The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is mandated to "endeavor to prevent disease, prolong life, and promote the public health through ... prevention and control of diseases [and] health problems of particularly vulnerable groups," such as youth. MCL 333.2221(1). It is empowered under the Public Health Code to exercise authority and promulgate rules to safeguard the public health. MCL 333.2226(d). The Department may also promulgate emergency rules without following the notice and participation procedures required by sections 41, 42, and 48 of 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.241, MCL 24.242, and MCL 24.248 of the Michigan Compiled Laws in circumstances where a finding of emergency is made. Our goal is to protect youth from the appealing flavors that draw them in to initiating use of -cigarettes.
Benjamin Finley	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: . I think it is a shame because a lot of people will turn back to cigarettes if flavors get banned and or vaping entirely. Or worse off they will turn to the black market which is where people ended up getting sick from in the first place. I think if anything do some better research on vaping or make some type of extra step to make it harder for underage people to buy vaping products. Cigarettes have a ton of horrible chemicals in them and yet you can buy them just about every where and they kill millions every year and so does alcohol. Vaping is saving life's and plus there is many other issues going on in the world that need to be addressed not something that is actually helping people.	Return to cigarettes if banned	An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking.

Kyle Yoder	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I have tried everything to quit my smoking habit back in 2014, and nothing worked, I used a watermelon flavoring and was off cigarettes within 6 months and continue to use vape to this day, im living proof, that vaping isnt bad, its the Gas Stations and other stores selling vapor products to children without checking ID that is bad. I cant count how many stores that only sell vape stuff to make a profit and are getting caught selling to minors. Sell Vape in a Vape shop only and this stuff wouldnt happen.	Vaping used to quity smoking	While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General’s Report states that “there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation.” Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was ‘very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.’ There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.
Tammy Keener	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I can honestly say that I feel that vaping is so much safer than cigarettes that if flavors are banned in Michigan, many capers will find another way to find their devices/juice. To say that flavored juice is the reason underage people vape is ludacris. Teens have and always will find a way to illegally buy tobacco and vape products. The same that they find a way to get alcohol and narcotics. There’s always a supplier out there somewhere sadly. To ban flavors would harm the economy, raising taxes will only tempt us to go out of state to get our products.	Safer than smoking	Most e-cigarettes deliver nicotine, which is highly addictive and can harm the developing brains of teens, kids and fetuses in women who vape while pregnant. Some types expose users to even more nicotine than traditional cigarettes. E-cigarette aerosol includes potentially harmful substances such as diacetyl (a chemical linked to a serious lung disease), cancer-causing chemicals (e.g., acetaldehyde in ecig aerosol), volatile organic compounds (VOCs such as benzene found in gasoline), and heavy metals (nickel, tin, lead.)
John Armstrong	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: A flavor ban would mean I would be tempted to return to regular cigarette use (as much as I dread the idea). I would also lose my freedoms to make my OWN choices, as those choices would no longer be available to me. And, undeniably factual, my local favorite vape shops would certainly be forced to close, putting many people out of work, and having yet more small, family-owned businesses be shut down by govt. politics, and self-serving monetary agendas. I would def look for other avenues as to where I might be able to purchase flavored vape e-liquids.	Loss of business/job	As a Department, we have taken into account all aspects of this permanent rule, including concerns by the business community. This measure does not ban e-cigarettes. Sellers can still sell flavors that mimic tobacco, unflavored products and 0% non-nicotine flavors flavored vaping products in Michigan as well as flavored nicotine vapor products outside of Michigan to adult customers. Vape shops and other tobacco retailers can continue to sell e-cigarette devices, and components. A report by Johns Hopkins University examined the economic impact of flavor bans for all tobacco products on tobacco retailers. The report found that a flavor ban would have minimal impact on retailers. Trends show that most retailers do not rely on these products as their only or primary source of revenue and are able to adapt their product offerings.

vicki DiLoreto	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Doesn't the Health Department have bigger, more worrisome issues like COVID, which affects the ENTIRE population to be concerned about? Hasn't the government recently learned about infringing upon the rights and freedoms of it's citizens? Hasn't the government already raised the age minimum all of smoke and smokeless products to 21?	It's my personal right as an adult	The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is mandated to "endeavor to prevent disease, prolong life, and promote the public health through ... prevention and control of diseases [and] health problems of particularly vulnerable groups," such as youth. MCL 333.2221(1). It is empowered under the Public Health Code to exercise authority and promulgate rules to safeguard the public health. MCL 333.2226(d). The Department may also promulgate emergency rules without following the notice and participation procedures required by sections 41, 42, and 48 of 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.241, MCL 24.242, and MCL 24.248 of the Michigan Compiled Laws in circumstances where a finding of emergency is made. Our goal is to protect youth from the appealing flavors that draw them in to initiating use of -cigarettes.
James Beutler	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I'm a registered democrat who lives in Michigan, and I adamantly oppose any measure that takes life saving vapor products out of my hands. I smoked for years before vapor saved my life, and I whole heartedly believe in what it does for millions of other Americans.	Return to cigarettes if banned	An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking.
Allen Johnson	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: If a flavor ban goes into effect in Michigan I will use what ever means possible to buy my eliquid be it online, out of state or underground sellers. There have all so been some noticeable changes in my health I breath easier. And my Doc has taken me off of high blood pressure meds. So I can say I believe vaping has saved my life. I am not at risk for lung cancer as we all no nicotine does not cause cancer. With my blood pressure being in the normal range I am at less risk for stroke and heart attack.	Personal Story	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony has been documented

Marilyn Hassan	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: VAPING flavors, with low nicotine, is FAR more safer, & healthier, than smoking cigarettes. I SHOULD KNOW, as a 45 year life long smoker, who has had the opportunity to completely quit smoking, by using this wonderful harm reduction tool! that is MUCH SAFER, & MUCH HEALTHIER for not only myself, but ALL Americans, who want to stop smoking cigarettes COMPLETELY!	Vaping used to quity smoking	While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.
Sean Sorenson	n/a	Michigan Health and Hospital Association (MHA)	Support	Support: The MHA is supportive of the policy and I am happy to answer any questions that there may be regarding our comment letter. See Attached Comment.	Other	Thank you , no comment
Jonathan Whitney	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I have been cigarette free for 2 years and using less nicotine I think banning flavors because of kids is not the solution the parents are the ones letting them do that so why should I have to give up something that is working for me to quit because of kids.I think the parents need to start parenting and watch what there kids do	Other	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony has been documented
Jeremy Thomason	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Vaping isnt a health crisis and i dont see that anywhere. I also dont see the teens using these flavors or anything at a high rate as people seem to say they are. Again a vape flavor ban would be the worse thing you could do for the smokers of michigan and would severly hurt the economy of michigan. Please take all of this into careful consideration. And think before you act to declare a health emergency where one doesnt even exist.	Loss of business/job	As a Department, we have taken into account all aspects of this permanent rule, including concerns by the business community. This measure does not ban e-cigarettes. Sellers can still sell flavors that mimic tobacco, unflavored products and 0% non-nicotine flavors flavored vaping products in Michigan as well as flavored nicotine vapor products outside of Michigan to adult customers. Vape shops and other tobacco retailers can continue to sell e-cigarette devices, and components. A report by Johns Hopkins University examined the economic impact of flavor bans for all tobacco products on tobacco retailers. The report found that a flavor ban would have minimal impact on retailers. Trends show that most retailers do not rely on these products as their only or primary source of revenue and are able to adapt their product offerings.

Mary Brandt	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: We've raised the tobacco product age to 21, we've restricted the types of vapes that can be sold, and we've removed vapes from certain types of stores altogether. A flavor ban is simply overkill.	Other	Tobacco 21 does NOT address flavors. Tobacco 21 is helpful and makes it more difficult for youth to PURCHASE tobacco products, but flavors (nearly all current youth e-cigarette users use flavored e-cigarettes (82.9%)) are very appealing to kids and they're exposed
Nathan Teggerdine	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I smoked a pack of cigarettes a day for almost 18 years. Vaping allowed me to stop regain my Health, no longer suffer from asthma and I was able to do things like exercise which I was unable to do because of breathing restrictions from smoking cigarettes. I'm not saying vaping is a healthy alternative but for me personally it changed my life and without having different flavors to choose from I would've never stop smoking cigarettes.	Personal Story	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony has been documented
Rebecca Gamble	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Taking away the flavors will end up pushing myself and others right back into the hands of cigarettes. My flavor is icy, without that I'll be wanting that "menthol" flavor which you are attempting to ban. Please don't take away my safer option of smoking. If this goes through you'll just be forcing myself and others to shop out of state (Ohio is only a few hours of a drive).	Return to cigarettes if banned	An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking.
Sheldon Barbash	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: The law said you got to be 21 to buy vape products or tobacco, that should prevent teenagers from getting their hands on it. Again I am extremely opposed to changing the law regarding flavors I can mix my own juice and that's exactly what I will do if you outlaw flavors.	Raise the age to 21	Tobacco 21 does NOT address flavors. Tobacco 21 is helpful and makes it more difficult for youth to PURCHASE tobacco products, but flavors (nearly all current youth e-cigarette users use flavored e-cigarettes (82.9%)) are very appealing to kids and they're exposed and enticed by these products in social circles, where data shows this is a primary access point for initiation. Policies that prohibit sale are simply not enough. According to the 2018 Monitoring the Future Survey, more than 60% of 10th grade students say it is easy to get vaping devices and e-liquids

Randy Weberg	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I No longer smoke thanks to vaping. I find it reprehensible that we can buy weed legally in our great state but Flavored ejuice is under assault. Absolutely ridiculous. There are much bigger things to worry about.	Vaping used to quity smoking	While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.
Robert Knoblauch	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I do not support this flavor ban.	Other	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony has been documented
David Hanna	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I smoked for 10 years and Vaping is my way out. You destroy this your sending millions to the graveyard. I hop you can live with that! But you allow vaping of marijuana. How political?	Vaping used to quity smoking	While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.
Donald Oliver	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Leave my vap alone	Other	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony has been documented

Kurt Klocke	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed: I was a smoker for over 12 years. I tried stoping with many methods but nothing was working for me. A friend had me try vaping with a vanilla flavor... from that point on I never picked up a cigarette again!!! Flavors is what keep me off cigarette, not vaping. I found a flavor that I like and never turned back.</p>	Personal Story	<p>While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.</p>
Tina McHugh	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed: I am 68 years old.....I smoked cigarettes for 49yrs the last 2 months I had bronchitis which turned to pneumonia, I was told about flavored juuls vape.....I have not been sick for 2 years. The menthol gives me headaches I do not like them, I am old enough to have what I enjoy & the government should not tell me what to do if it is better for me then cigarettes.</p>	Personal Story	<p>Most e-cigarettes deliver nicotine, which is highly addictive and can harm the developing brains of teens, kids and fetuses in women who vape while pregnant. Some types expose users to even more nicotine than traditional cigarettes. E-cigarette aerosol includes potentially harmful substances such as diacetyl (a chemical linked to a serious lung disease), cancer-causing chemicals (e.g., acetaldehyde in ecig aerosol), volatile organic compounds (VOCs such as benzene found in gasoline), and heavy metals (nickel, tin, lead.)</p>

Paul McCrumb	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Vaping has kept me off of cigarettes. So please leave the vapors alone. They are not harming anyone but them selves	Vaping used to quity smoking	While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.
Michelle Kohn	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I have been cigarette free for 2 years. I smoked for 22 years. I have vaped for 2 years now and use a variety of flavors. A flavor ban would probably mean I would switch back to regular cigarettes since unflavored vape juice tastes just like that...a regular cigarette. Since vaping I can smell and taste better. I also can breathe better. What is the difference if vape juice is flavored or not???	Return to cigarettes if banned	An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking.
Nicolas Kurtz	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: As a Michigan resident, I oppose this proposed flavor ban.	Other	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony has been documented

Nickolas Anderson	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Also flavored vape juice has saved my life and gotten me off of cigarettes and my entire family that smoked previously has quit because the flavors are so easy to adjust to and there is truly a blend for anyone. It's the most effective cessation product period.	Vaping used to quity smoking	While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.
Melissa Veen	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I quit smoking over 6 years ago while using vape products. I did not like the tobacco flavored juice, I've always liked and still use the candy or fruity flavors. I do not want to taste anything that tastes like cigarette again. I honestly do not think I could have stopped smoking without the choice of the flavors. My nicotine level has went way down to almost 0. If these flavors were banned, I do not know what I would do.	Vaping used to quity smoking	While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.
Steven Peters	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: How about banning alcohol, and cigarettes. This fly off the handle reaction over kids getting vape products illegally is not my fault yet I have to be punished? How many under age drinkers are reported with alcohol poisoning? Again punish the retailers that sell to minors. I'm all for that.	Alcohol or Marijuana	We are only responding to the U.S. Surgeon General declaration that use of e-cigarettes by youth is a public health epidemic across the nation. The SG cited flavors as a main reason for this epidemic. These Administrative Rules do not address the issues of flavored marijuana and alcohol.

Aaron Holland	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I am 32 years old. Adults like flavors too, this is not a scheme to target children! In one weekend, I successfully quit smoking and turned to vape, and I haven't had a cigarette since. Removing flavors from the market would be a huge mistake, and hurt far more consumers than it could possibly protect.	Adults enjoy flavors	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony has been documented
Christopher Wiley	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I smoked form 18 till I was 40 and tried several times to stop but was in able to. One day 2 years I went into an adult only vape store and got my first set up vanilla custard. After just 3 days I couldn't even stand the smell of a cigarette and tobacco flavor is just as bad. I use the flavors to keep me away from smoke and don't even want to be reminded of the taste	Personal Story	While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.
Willard Dermyer	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Nobody under 18 can purchase vape juice in Michigan as it is so the argument that children are vaping to much is not a good reason to ban vape juice if this were the case then you should ban ALL Tobacco products from Michigan period. My health is much better vaping I don't have the problems breathing like I used to when I was smoking cigarettes. Thank you and please don't ban flavor vape juice.	Other	The adult rate of e-cigarette use is 6.1% in Michigan (2018) whereas the youth rates in Michigan are much higher at 20.8% in 2019 YRBS (MI). In 2020, the National Youth Tobacco Survey shows current youth e-cigarette use rate is 19.6% and 82.9% of kids use flavored e-cigarettes. So, there are many fewer adults who are using e-cigarettes than kids. There will still be unflavored products, flavors that mimic tobacco and 0% non-nicotine flavors available for adults

Elizabeth Huff	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: My husband and I stopped smoking nearly 6 years ago thanks to vaping. It is primarily due to the flavors that was so attractive and gave us the avenue to finally quit. Both of us had been smokers for over 30 years each. We still enjoy vaping to this day. Both of us enjoy our ejuice to be 0-3mg, because we ENJOY THE FLAVORS!	Vaping used to quity smoking	While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.
Michael Easlick	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: That is a testament to how effective vaping can be for quitting. We haven't smoked a combustible since that week and we never intended that to be the case. Now if all that was available at time time was either just tobacco flavor or menthol flavor, this wouldn't have happened. Those flavors are terrible to recreate in an alternative product. We would still be smoking. If the ridiculous EO ban in 2019 wouldn't have been struck down, we would be smoking again due to the fact that tobacco vape products are worse tasting, to us, than cigarettes.	Return to cigarettes if banned	An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking.

Robert Wellington	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I smoked for 30 years. Tried quitting multiple times using different methods. But I always went back to cigarettes. I started vaping 5 years ago, and I haven't had a cigarette since I started. I use all different flavors. The variety is very important to me and other vapers. Banning flavors does nothing but push people back to cigarettes, and benefit big tobacco.	Vaping used to quity smoking	While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.
Jennifer Mulder	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: If Michigan bans the sale of vape juice, I will have no choice but to purchase from out of state. If that is not an option, I am very afraid I would fall back to cigarettes. I do agree, it should not be in the hands of our children, but that's not for the state to decide what should be allowed for sale. We can buy marijuana & alcohol. Both of those things also end up in the hands of children, but they are still sold everyday across our country. It's not the responsibility of the state to "parent" our children. It's the responsibility of our young people and their parents to teach/learn the consequences of their choices.	Black Market	To date, we have not seen this play out in other jurisdictions who have removed flavored e-cigarettes. There is no evidence that flavor restrictions will lead to an illicit market. Tobacco companies have consistently claimed that there is a risk of an illicit market to discourage governments from implementing effective tobacco control measures, but we have seen no evidence of this. The tobacco industry makes similar claims about the creation of a black-market following tobacco tax increases, and study after study has shown that the industry's claims are overblown
Deborah Wesseling	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Without my vaping id NOT be alive. My heart doctor and pulmonary doctor both say its way safer then real cigarettes so leave it alone. Michigan made a huge huge mistake ever voting u in and the day cannot come soon enough until we can vote you out and get back to living our life's out of fear of what you'll try to take from us next	Safer than smoking	Most e-cigarettes deliver nicotine, which is highly addictive and can harm the developing brains of teens, kids and fetuses in women who vape while pregnant. Some types expose users to even more nicotine than traditional cigarettes. E-cigarette aerosol includes potentially harmful substances such as diacetyl (a chemical linked to a serious lung disease), cancer-causing chemicals (e.g., acetaldehyde in ecig aerosol), volatile organic compounds (VOCs such as benzene found in gasoline), and heavy metals (nickel, tin, lead.)
Kay Doerr	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: See Attached Comment	Other	Thank you, no comment

Michael Burch	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: The government shouldn't be looking at how to ban flavored e-juices (as they help the average smoker/vaper), but they should be looking at how they can better regulate the sale of cigarettes and vaping products to minors. For instance, how about needing to scan their ID and prove they are of age prior to a sale, if they are aren't, then the register will stop the sale. Adults should have the choice to buy what they want and not be subjected to the government's abuse of power because they have not been able to regulate the sale of tobacco products to minors.	Other	Tobacco 21 does NOT address flavors. Tobacco 21 is helpful and makes it more difficult for youth to PURCHASE tobacco products, but flavors (nearly all current youth e-cigarette users use flavored e-cigarettes (82.9%)) are very appealing to kids and they're exposed and enticed by these products in social circles, where data shows this is a primary access point for initiation. Policies that prohibit sale are simply not enough. According to the 2018 Monitoring the Future Survey, more than 60% of 10th grade students say it is easy to get vaping devices and e-liquids
Krystle Lytle	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I have smoked cigarettes since I was 16 an I switched to vaping when I was 26 an love it. I will never go back to cigarettes. The flavors I vape are a blue slushie, lemonade, pomegranate, tropical blast, etc. I love trying new flavor out.	Adults enjoy flavors	The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is mandated to "endeavor to prevent disease, prolong life, and promote the public health through ... prevention and control of diseases [and] health problems of particularly vulnerable groups," such as youth. MCL 333.2221(1). It is empowered under the Public Health Code to exercise authority and promulgate rules to safeguard the public health. MCL 333.2226(d). The Department may also promulgate emergency rules without following the notice and participation procedures required by sections 41, 42, and 48 of 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.241, MCL 24.242, and MCL 24.248 of the Michigan Compiled Laws in circumstances where a finding of emergency is made. Our goal is to protect youth from the appealing flavors that draw them in to initiating use of -cigarettes.
Sky Banion	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Please! Variety is the spice of life. Not everyone who wants to quit smoking wants menthol or tobacco flavors. To say flavors are geared toward children is just stupid. I enjoy cereal, I enjoy candy. My favorite is grape-flavored vape.	Adults enjoy flavors	The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is mandated to "endeavor to prevent disease, prolong life, and promote the public health through ... prevention and control of diseases [and] health problems of particularly vulnerable groups," such as youth. MCL 333.2221(1). It is empowered under the Public Health Code to exercise authority and promulgate rules to safeguard the public health. MCL 333.2226(d). The Department may also promulgate emergency rules without following the notice and participation procedures required by sections 41, 42, and 48 of 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.241, MCL 24.242, and MCL 24.248 of the Michigan Compiled Laws in circumstances where a finding of emergency is made. Our goal is to protect youth from the appealing flavors that draw them in to initiating use of -cigarettes.
Renee Edmondson	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: See Attachment	Other	Thank you, no comment

Tad Menoes	n/a	Owner-Circle K Great Lakes	Opposed	<p>Opposed: •If retailers are forced to stop selling flavored electronic cigarettes, then customers will simply drive to another store in a neighboring state or purchase their preferred nicotine vaping products on-line.</p> <p>•This past summer the state of MA passed a flavor ban and after they realized how many millions of tax dollars they are losing they are now going back and considering allowing retailers in the state to once again sell these products.</p> <p>•Customers may also turn to the illicit market where there is a ready supply of smuggled flavored electronic cigarette products. MDHHS should not enact a rule that would promote more crime in Michigan.</p> <p>•Retailers are the first line of defense when it comes to preventing underage individuals from purchasing electronic cigarettes. We have very stringent policies on asking for everyone's ID under 40.</p> <p>•Tobacco sales make a substantial portion of our total inside sales and this is how we base store labor hours. Naturally with a reduction of these sales will come a reduction in labor hours impacting team members in your state which is not good for either of us.</p>	Other	<p>To date, we have not seen this play out in other jurisdictions who have removed flavored e-cigarettes. There is insufficient evidence that flavor restrictions will lead to an illicit market. Tobacco companies have consistently claimed that there is a risk of an illicit market to discourage governments from implementing effective tobacco control measures, but we have seen no evidence of this. The tobacco industry makes similar claims about the creation of a black-market following tobacco tax increases, and study after study has shown that the industry's claims are overblown. Despite age restrictions, retailers continue to sell these products to minors. In the summer of 2018, the FDA's undercover enforcement efforts yielded over 1,300 warning letters and fines to brick-and-mortar and online retailers for illegally selling e-cigarettes to minors. According to FY2019 data, Michigan has a sale to minor violation rate of 10%. It should be noted that MI leads the nation in no sales orders which are given out by the FDA when, during compliance checks, sales are made to minors. More youth report buying e-cigarettes at a vape shop than from a gas station or convenience store. (16.5% vs. 9.8%).</p>
Brian Reidsema	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed: And even if you take my flavors away vaping is too big for you to ban it will go to the black market and you will not be able to control it in any way shape or form and you will make me a criminal overnight cause I will not stop vaping even if you make it illegal period I will still get my flavored e liquid from the black market</p>	Black Market	<p>To date, we have not seen this play out in other jurisdictions who have removed flavored e-cigarettes. There is insufficient evidence that flavor restrictions will lead to an illicit market. Tobacco companies have consistently claimed that there is a risk of an illicit market to discourage governments from implementing effective tobacco control measures, but we have seen no evidence of this. The tobacco industry makes similar claims about the creation of a black-market following tobacco tax increases, and study after study has shown that the industry's claims are overblown</p>
Libby Stern	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	<p>Support: See Attached Comment</p>	Other	<p>Thank you , no comment.</p>
Liz Boyes	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed: If the flavor ban goes into effect I will be forced to find other ways to satisfy my flavor and nicotine needs and I am sure the local store I use will go out of business- (Note-exact same comment as Susan</p>	Loss of business/job	<p>As a Department, we have taken into account all aspects of this permanent rule, including concerns by the business community. This measure does not ban e-cigarettes. Sellers can still sell flavors that mimic tobacco, unflavored products and 0% non-nicotine flavors flavored vaping products in Michigan as well as flavored nicotine vapor products outside of Michigan to adult customers. Vape shops and other tobacco retailers can continue to sell e-cigarette devices, and components. A report by Johns Hopkins University examined the economic impact of flavor bans for all tobacco products on tobacco retailers. The report found that a flavor ban would have minimal impact on retailers. Trends show that most retailers do not rely on these products as their only or primary source of revenue and are able to adapt their product offerings.</p>

Kathleen Dorman	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Please don't ban flavored vape juice. It got me off tobacco products and does for many. If flavored juice is banned many will go back to cigarettes.	Vaping used to quit smoking	While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.
Shelly Klochack	n/a	Spectrum Gerber Hospital	Support	Support: ask you that you not only approve the rules but also to improve them by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Expanding them to all flavored tobacco products ● Require online sales to be shipped to a licensed retailer for age verification 	Other	Thank you, no comment
Don Shaw	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed	Other	
Beth Lloyd	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed Vaping has benefitted my health more than I expected. I no longer get short of breath when walking up stairs, I no longer have a morning cough. Please keep vaping products, devices, and flavored e-liquids safe and available in Michigan for us former smokers and current smokers who will use vaping to quit smoking in the future.	More effective to quit smoking	While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely

Spenser LaVallee	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Should our state stop selling flavored nicotine products, federally, consumers will still be able to purchase online. Jobs in Michigan will be lost if this ban takes place. Retail jobs are a corner stone of the Michigan job workforce, constituting at least 11% of the workforce. An in-person interaction is far more difficult to circumvent when it comes to age verification than purchasing online, which is the true desire of the ban, to keep minors from ever consuming nicotine. If the law must be passed, provision should be made for manufacturers who abide by regulations designed to prevent products from existing on the market which appeal directly to minors and will prevent unregulated products from existing in the retail sales market. Creating a space in the market for flavored nicotine products which have been deemed appropriate is a very effective way to regulate the market without sacrificing the economy or the welfare of minors.	Loss of business/job	As a Department, we have taken into account all aspects of this permanent rule, including concerns by the business community. This measure does not ban e-cigarettes. Sellers can still sell flavors that mimic tobacco, unflavored products and 0% non-nicotine flavors flavored vaping products in Michigan as well as flavored nicotine vapor products outside of Michigan to adult customers. Vape shops and other tobacco retailers can continue to sell e-cigarette devices, and components. A report by Johns Hopkins University examined the economic impact of flavor bans for all tobacco products on tobacco retailers. The report found that a flavor ban would have minimal impact on retailers. Trends show that most retailers do not rely on these products as their only or primary source of revenue and are able to adapt their product offerings.
Eryn Krajewski	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I like vaping better thwb smoking. It doesnt make me cough it doesnt make me short of breath and smells so much better. It is also less money for me cause it last longer. I have smoked for 15 years and went to vaping. Its so much more relaxing to.	Vaping used to quity smoking	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony has been documented
Penelope Hamacher	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Without the flavors I don't think this would of been possible with only tobacco flavor vape juice. I have slowly lowered my nicotine intake and my breathing has improved and no longer have a smokers couch! I think it is wrong to take this away from legal aged individuals! Vapes are not meant for teenagers.		While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon

Luke Gayer	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: This is helping people quit , how and why ban if cigarettes are still available!!!!!!!!!!!!	Vaping used to quity smoking	While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely
Shane Wisniewski	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I, and 100k plus voting adults in this state, think that banning vaping flavors will do absolutely nothing but drive up cigarette sales, and just keep adding to the 1800 people a day who die from smoking related illnesses. I quit smoking thanks to vaping flavors, and haven't had a single cigarette for over six years now. Please don't take away my right to a 95% safer smoking alternative.	Vaping used to quity smoking	using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently
Khris Pruett	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I used vaping to quit smoking when I smoked I had a lot of breathing problems I smoked for 10 years thanks to vaping it's been 5 years and no cigarettes	Vaping used to quity smoking	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony has been documented
Amy Scharaswak	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Since switching to vaping my husband has gone from a carton of cigarettes a week to 3 bottle of juice every 3 weeks. He doesnt smell like smoke and he can smell and taste things he wasnt able to when he was smoking. He enjoys many different flavors and over 5 years has gone from 12 nic down to 3 and will soon be switching to 0 nic.	Vaping used to quity smoking	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony has been documented
Christopher Middleton	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I think there are other ways to handle this new life saving technology from getting into young hands then banning the one thing that helps keep people off of traditional cigarettes. Flavors and many flavors are key to break this cycle ingrained in the brain from smoking for many years. Many different flavors are just as key. A: not everyone likes the same flavors B: there is not certain flavors that help people break this cycle	More effective to quit smoking	With this permanent rule, retailers may still sell e-cigarette products, including unflavored products, flavors that mimic tobacco and 0% non-nicotine flavored e-cigarettes to adults.

Jon Mattox	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Banning flavor vape will be a mistake. Flavor vape is what enabled me to quit smoking combustible cigarettes. I have smoked for more than half my life and the only thing that helped me quit was flavor vape. I am a 47 year old adult and banning flavors will only put people out of work and cause people like me to find my flavors on the black market or out of state.	Vaping used to quity smoking	To date, we have not seen this play out in other jurisdictions who have removed flavored e-cigarettes. There is insufficient vidence that flavor restrictions will lead to an illicit market. Tobacco companies have consistently claimed that there is a risk of an illicit market to discourage governments from implementing effective tobacco control measures, but we have seen no evidence of this. The tobacco industry makes similar claims about the creation of a black-market following tobacco tax increases, and study after study has shown that the industry's claims are overblown
Lisa Marie Walden	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: After smoking tobacco cigarettes from around 1973 through 2012, I was able to quit smoking these tobacco cigarettes by switching to flavored vaping liquids. I am almost 65 years old and do not feel I should be denied access to flavored vaping liquids because minors are vaping. There are laws on the books to keep minors from vaping. Enforce those laws and do not deny access to adults who choose to vape flavored liquids instead of smoking tobacco cigarettes	Vaping used to quity smoking	Despite age restrictions, retailers continue to sell these products to minors. In the summer of 2018, the FDA's undercover enforcement efforts yielded over 1,300 warning letters and fines to brick-and-mortar and online retailers for illegally selling e-cigarettes to minors. According to FY2019 data, Michigan has a sale to minor violation rate of 10%. It should be noted that MI leads the nation in no sales orders which are given out by the FDA when, during compliance checks, sales are made to minors.
Dana Hermann	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: . I am an adult and I should have the right to make my own choices on this. I support keeping nicotine from kids. Please do this with sensible legislation like fines for shops who are found not checking id and sting operations to catch them. If there's a flavor ban here I don't know what I'll do. Drive out of state to get, mail order if I can find a company to send to me. I don't want to have to buy black market and I don't want to go back to smoking.	It's my personal right as an adult	An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking.
John Burgess	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I smoked for about 20 yrs and had copd from it when I started vaping I hated the tobacco flavors so I started vaping fruity pebbles and it got me to quit a habit that nothing else worked for. You will do a huge injustice to adults who will otherwise go back to a more harmful nicotine delivery. Thanks	Vaping used to quity smoking	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony has been documented
Travis Hostutler	n/a	individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed	Other	
Deborah Hutchson	n/a	individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I have been using flavored juices for 8 years. I was a smoker for 20+ years. My flavors of choice are fruit ones. I use many different flavors. I now dont have bronchitis every winter. As my physician has kept a close eye on my lungs. There has been such an improvement..	Vaping used to quity smoking	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony has been documented
Josh Meyerson	n/a	Director, Health Department of Northwest Michigan	Support	Support: See Attached Comment	Other	Thank you, no comment

Tina McHugh	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I smoked cigarettes for 47 years, the last 2 months smoking I had bronchitis turning in pneumonia. I was told about Juuls vape....I quit smoking cigarettes which I would have died. Menthol gives me headaches & I cough the flavor vape is for me.....As old as I am I should have the decision to smoke flavor juul Not the government dictating me How To Live My Life. Let it be for the Peoples decision.	Vaping used to quity smoking	The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is mandated to “endeavor to prevent disease, prolong life, and promote the public health through ... prevention and control of diseases [and] health problems of particularly vulnerable groups,” such as youth. MCL 333.2221(1). It is empowered under the Public Health Code to exercise authority and promulgate rules to safeguard the public health. MCL 333.2226(d). The Department may also promulgate emergency rules without following the notice and participation procedures required by sections 41, 42, and 48 of 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.241, MCL 24.242, and MCL 24.248 of the Michigan Compiled Laws in circumstances where a finding of emergency is made. Our goal is to protect youth from the appealing flavors that draw them in to initiating use of -cigarettes.
Brandon Thomas	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Vaping has helped me get away from cigarettes. As I have not quit using nicotine products all together I feel that the variety of flavors available greatly increases the chances of someone getting away from cigarettes. Without having flavors I fear I will go back to cigarettes	Vaping used to quity smoking	While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General’s Report states that “there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation.” Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes.
Keith Lemon	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I quit smoking 6 years ago thanks to vaping after multiple failed attempts with other methods. A flavor ban would drive me back to cigarettes. Stop punishing adults when these products are already illegal for children.	Vaping used to quity smoking	An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It’s worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven’t completely quit smoking.
Josh Parmenter	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: After smoking 2 packs/day for 25 years, a little over 10 years ago I switched to vaping. Vaping has changed my life. I’ve lost over 100lbs, no longer snore, have energy to keep moving, no longer reek of cigarette, etc. I still occasionally desire a cigarette, but have not cheated even a puff. When a strong desire for a cigarette hits, that’s when I switch juice flavors. It always works. Do not deprive me of my vaping options. My health depends on it.	Vaping used to quity smoking	With this permanent rule, retailers may still sell e-cigarette products, including unflavored products, flavors that mimic tobacco and 0% non-nicotine flavored e-cigarettes to adults

Marguerite Richard	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I'm 53 years old and smoked cigarettes for 30 years. I was able to quit with flavored ejuice. My lung health has returned to excellent after switching to ecigs 3 years ago. Please do not ban flavors. I vape and I vote. This matter is of extreme importance to me.	Vaping used to quity smoking	With this permanent rule, retailers may still sell e-cigarette products, including unflavored products, flavors that mimic tobacco and 0% non-nicotine flavored e-cigarettes to adults
Abigail McMillin	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I am a 27 year old student at LCC. I quit smoking cigarettes 4.5 years ago with the help of vaping. I am able to breathe clearly again, I got my taste and smell back, and I don't cough up tar anymore. Vaping has saved me so much money compared to what I spent on cigarettes. This ban would effect many people like me, and we need a safer alternative to tobacco. Many people who vape that I know are just going to switch back to tobacco if this ban comes through. We all deserve safer smoking alternatives. We have come too far only to have to go back.	Vaping used to quity smoking	An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking.
Andy Johnson	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed	Other	
James Beecham	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I know over 50 people in real life who quit smoking cigarettes thanks to vaping. I doubt that would have happened if they didn't have access to NON-TOBACCO flavored vape. I don't even know anyone who smokes cigarettes in real life any more. That should be considered a WIN. By enacting a ban on flavorings, you are showing your support for the traditional tobacco industry and 'big tobacco'.	Vaping used to quity smoking	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony has been documented
Alicia Huber	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Vaping has helped me to stop smoking. Flavored e-liquid specifically has been the main reason I've been able to slowly disconnect the phycological need for the taste of a cigarette and I'm now in taking the lowest amount of nicotine available with a plan to completely quit within the year. I wouldn't have been able to change my habits and the need for cigarettes without the help of flavored e-liquid.	Vaping used to quity smoking	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony has been documented
Matt Warren	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I am a 27 year old who's changed my life by quitting cigarettes and switching to vaping. If you are concerned about peoples health leave vaping alone go after cigarettes. Vaping simply is an adult product for harm reduction from cigarettes. Flavors are an important part of the process of quitting. To think otherwise is just plain ignorant. You want healthier stop letting big tobacco companies influence discussions on vaping simple as that`	Vaping used to quity smoking	While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes.

Francis Griffin III	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: This should allow the stuff to not be in public schools. When I was in high school there were kids smoking marijuana in droves the issue isn't the flavors the issue is the parents they need to take a more active role in their kids lives. Removing flavors will create a black market for the stuff and cause more legal offenses. Please do not take a legal adults right to choose away from us. We are hard working and deserve that right given to us.	It's my personal right as an adult	With this permanent rule, retailers may still sell e-cigarette products, including unflavored products, flavors that mimic tobacco and 0% non-nicotine flavored e-cigarettes to adults.
Charles Kelly	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Vaping the flavors is what really got me off them they taste good and I feel healthier off the cigarettes I can play with my kids now without feeling like I'm losing my breath. I can't imagine trying to vape a tobacco flavor vape that seems like it make me just want a cigarette. I like to vape the peach mango, pink lemonade, and all fruity flavors	Vaping used to quity smoking	While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes.
Marsha Lommel	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: . I support the ban on vape products for children. And possibly selling bubble gum flavors because they mostly appeal to children. But if you force adults to return to menthol cigarettes instead of menthol vape products, you have overstepped your authority to step on the freedom of adults.	Menthol	An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking
Deb Stough	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Please don't ban. Enforce the laws instead. Age requirement laws are required for alcohol, why not smoking products? Banning just encourages black market products which are dangerous. I'm also very tired of the aggressive actions of politicians lately to control every aspect of citizens lives. Let us adults make our own decisions in these areas. If aggression is needed then aggressively enforce the age requirements for these products. Would work much better for everyone involved.	It's my personal right as an adult	the michigan department of health and human services is mandated to "endeavor to prevent disease, prolong life, and promote the public health through ... prevention and control of diseases [and] health problems of particularly vulnerable groups," such as youth. MCL 333.2221(1). It is empowered under the Public Health Code to exercise authority and promulgate rules to safeguard the public health. MCL 333.2226(d). The Department may also promulgate emergency rules without following the notice and participation procedures required by sections 41, 42, and 48 of 1969 PA 306, MCL
Kathy Mitchell	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I'll be forced to go back to tabacco. We have had ENOUGH TAKEN AWAY from us during this pandemic. Please leave our gaping alone and go after what's really important and that's keeping yourself safe from the idiots trying to harm you. You've done a great job thru the pandemic trying to keep us safe. Now keep us saine by not taking out nicotine away.	Return to cigarettes if banned	flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they

Amanda Martin	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Teens are going to get into whatever they put their hearts to (like mom and dad's alcohol, or grandma's pills). Making flavors illegal for adults won't stop the teens from using it, or adults for that matter. It will just turn it underground for everybody, which will absolutely have negative health effects like we saw with the illegal THC cartridges that were causing hospitalizations.	Black Market	To date, we have not seen this play out in other jurisdictions who have removed flavored e-cigarettes. There is insufficient evidence that flavor restrictions will lead to an illicit market. Tobacco companies have consistently claimed that there is a risk of an illicit market to discourage governments from implementing effective tobacco control measures, but we have seen no evidence of this. The tobacco industry makes similar claims about the creation of a black-market following tobacco tax increases, and study after study has shown that the industry's claims are overblown
Walter Emrick	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Given the overwhelming science substantiating vaping as a harm reduction methodology, government interference can only be viewed as causing harm with the exception of tax revenue received directly and indirectly from smokers and tobacco companies. In putting a monetary value on my health the government is committing a grave sin	Safer than smoking	addictive and can harm the developing brains of teens, kids and fetuses in women who vape while pregnant. Some types expose users to even more nicotine than traditional cigarettes. E-cigarette aerosol includes potentially harmful substances such as diacetyl (a chemical linked to a serious lung disease), cancer-causing chemicals (e.g., acetaldehyde in ecig aerosol), volatile organic compounds (VOCs such as benzene found in
Brad Wager	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: With out flavors I would still be smoking cigarettes. After smoking for 35 years vaping saved my life! Smoke free now for 8 years thanks to vaping flavors.	Vaping used to quity smoking	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony has been documented
James Gargano	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed.	Other	
Corey Ohaire	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: . If you try to ban flavored product you will create a black market in which people will not be able to get safe products people could die people will get sick and most importantly you will put thousands of workers out of jobs.	Black Market	To date, we have not seen this play out in other jurisdictions who have removed flavored e-cigarettes. There is insufficient evidence that flavor restrictions will lead to an illicit market. Tobacco companies have consistently claimed that there is a risk of an illicit market to discourage governments from implementing effective tobacco control measures, but we have seen no evidence of this. The tobacco industry makes similar claims about the creation of a black-market following tobacco tax increases, and study after study has shown that the industry's claims are overblown
Vincent Jarbou	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Vaping has saved my life i smoked for 20 years started vaping when I walked into Walgreens one day and seen this smoke cessation vaping device I purchased it strawberry and cream flavor I have been cigarettes free since think about the economy and how many small businesses will go under before banning vape	Vaping used to quity smoking	As a Department, we have taken into account all aspects of this permanent rule, including concerns by the business community. This measure does not ban e-cigarettes. Sellers can still sell flavors that mimic tobacco, unflavored products and 0% non-nicotine flavors flavored vaping products in Michigan as well as flavored nicotine vapor products outside of Michigan to adult customers. Vape shops and other tobacco retailers can continue to sell e-cigarette devices, and components

Donald Starkweather	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Banning flavored vape liquids will only accomplish 1 thing. Force people to return to combustible cigarettes and eventually increase the numbers for smoking related illnesses. The Governor of Michigan needs to let the people of Michigan choose if they wish to vape or smoke, and if she was seriously concerned about our safety, set guidelines for flavored vape liquids to protect the public from black market liquids. The only realistic outcome a flavored liquid ban will accomplish is the loss of millions in taxes, higher unemployment numbers as these shops are forced to close and flooding our streets with unregulated black market vape liquids.	Return to cigarettes if banned	An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking.
Ruby Rubley	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Flavored vaping is absolutely the most effective, and safest alternative. Are we just banning flavors so we can virtue-signal that we are "doing something?" Is there any real evidence that a flavor ban will help more than harm? I doubt it. Do no harm!	Safer than smoking	Most e-cigarettes deliver nicotine, which is highly addictive and can harm the developing brains of teens, kids and fetuses in women who vape while pregnant. Some types expose users to even more nicotine than traditional cigarettes. E-cigarette aerosol includes potentially harmful substances such as diacetyl (a chemical linked to a serious lung disease), cancer-causing chemicals (e.g., acetaldehyde in ecig aerosol), volatile organic compounds (VOCs such as benzene found in gasoline), and heavy metals (nickel, tin, lead.)
John Mederer	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I am against the ban on flavors, I currently vape it has help me reduce my smoking i vape less then i smoked cigarettes. I am currently very close to being able to stop vapeing due to the flavor not making me ill	Vaping used to quity smoking	While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes.
Dawn Maracle	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Kids do not need to cape (vape). I absolutely agree. However I'd rather vape then smoke and I'm tired of people always trying to take our rights and flavors If I may!! Smoking cigarettes caping ect. Go after the marijuana company's the drunks that's the worst problem we have for sure!!	It's my personal right as an adult	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony has been documented.

Brian Kocher	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: So i tell anyone and everyone who is interested in stop smoking and want to start vaping the first thing i tell them is you have to find the right flavor and once you do you will be able to quit. So if Michigan bans flavored e liquid there will be potentially millions of people who have vaped for so long to have to figure out a way to flavor their own , or find a black market to get some, or just go right back to smoking so im asking you to not do this.	Other	using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates
Mark Coyle	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Vaping instead of smoking has been a life changer for me. No ashtray smell. I haven't been ill with colds and flu. I was told by a physician that I have the lungs of a teenager. My sense of taste returned to normal. I no longer breathe abnormally hard when doing physical work. Vaping likely saved my life, and without flavors, I'm not sure it would have.Please do not ban flavors.	Vaping used to quity smoking	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony has been documented.
Jaimen Vayette	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I Jaimen Vayette want to make clear that a flavor ban would destroy the best option available to smokers to quit smoking. I quit using blue raspberry flavored e juice. 6 years cigarette free. This improved my health I no longer cough at night upon laying down for bed. I have more energy to spend with the family. Please don't ruin this for people in the future for others to quit as well.	Vaping used to quity smoking	An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking.
Deana Theunissen	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I smoked cigarettes for 13 years. The only way I was able to quit was using flavored vaping products. I have not smoked a cigarette in almost four years. I am 33 years old and I use fruity eliquid flavors. Please reconsider your flavor ban.	Vaping used to quity smoking	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony has been documented.
Kelly Dyer	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: If they continue with this ban, I will probably have to buy my e-juice whatever way or means that is possible. I believe the ban is unfairly hurting a lot of us older adults. The system is unbalanced and unfair. Big Tobacco is behind this ban, trying to corner the market, which is also unfair and wrong! One bad apple spoilt the whole bunch, so why punish everyone else? Kids are going to do what they want to do whether you put a ban up or not.	Black Market	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony has been documented.

Mario Grech	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: It will b two years in October that I quit cigarettes. I feel much better and yes, I know it still contains nicotine BUT has NO TAR! No flavored juices are terrible and will force me back to cigarets. PLEASE, I dont want to go back! I expect to quit vapping in the future as my next step, but vapping is definitely a path to quit smoking! Please reconsider	Vaping used to quity smoking	An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking.
Christopher Bacho	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: 1. We changed the aged to 21 so no one under the age of 21 should have a vape. If this issues continues then stings should be ran across the state on all tobacco and vape retailers. 2. There is no proof that vaping is more harmful then Cigarettes. So allow adults to use this as a alternative options. And I understand that this message cannot be marketed. 3. Tax the product and use Tax money to improve our state.	Safer than smoking	Tobacco 21 does NOT address flavors. Tobacco 21 is helpful and makes it more difficult for youth to PURCHASE tobacco products, but flavors (nearly all current youth e-cigarette users use flavored e-cigarettes (82.9%)) are very appealing to kids and they're exposed and enticed by these products in social circles, where data shows this is a primary access point for initiation. Policies that prohibit sale are simply not enough. According to the 2018 Monitoring the Future Survey, more than 60% of 10th grade students say it is easy to get vaping devices and e-liquids
Kyky Palfrey	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed	Other	
Tracy Maynard	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: If flavors are prohibited I won't be able to access the products that I've been using to remain smoke free. I've no desire to be nicotine free. The Michigan based e-liquid supplier I was using most of these years closed their business last fall after our Governor announced her intention to ban flavors. If this flavor ban is enacted, I imagine the rest will close too. It's like telling Baskin-Robbins they can only sell vanilla ice cream. I can still purchase Marlboros at no less than 6 retailers within one half mile of my home.	Vaping used to quity smoking	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony has been documented.
Bill Sohmer	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I have been cigarette free for 5 years and I don't want to be limited to tobacco flavors, that was what I got away from.	Vaping used to quity smoking	With this permanent rule, retailers may still sell e-cigarette products, including unflavored products, flavors that mimic tobacco and 0% non-nicotine flavored e-cigarettes to adults.
Kimberly Webber	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: No one has died from Vaping. No one. Over a decade Vaping has been around and there have been no deaths. The ones "reported" are bs. When you were a teenager Miss, kids your age were smoking and drinking and partying. It is none different in 2020. They will smoke cigarettes and continue to drink alcohol. Banning Vaping flavors will not help the actual problems at hand. Dead beat parents letting their children run amok and do whatever they please all that noise. Don't take away my flavors!!!	Other	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony has been documented.

Trina Hughes	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: As an adult I take my responsibilities as I should, I'm also the only person responsible for myself and if I want to vape strawberry custard or any other flavor of ejuice that's my choice AS AN ADULT !! The vape community was doing just fine and keeping each other in check before the government decided to get involved. I was a cigarette smoking for many years and yes I tried every thing to quit smoking	It's my personal right as an adult	The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is mandated to "endeavor to prevent disease, prolong life, and promote the public health through ... prevention and control of diseases [and] health problems of particularly vulnerable groups," such as youth. MCL 333.2221(1). It is empowered under the Public Health Code to exercise authority and promulgate rules to safeguard the public health. MCL 333.2226(d). The Department may also promulgate emergency rules without following the notice and participation procedures required by sections 41, 42, and 48 of 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.241, MCL 24.242, and MCL 24.248 of the Michigan Compiled Laws in circumstances where a finding of emergency is made. Our goal is to protect youth from the appealing flavors that draw them in to initiating use of -cigarettes.
Sybill Dubois	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply the rule to all flavored vaping products AND all flavored tobacco products. Penalties for sale should be levied on the owner/operator of the retail establishment with no penalties on clerks or youth, and remove the provision that allows for jailtime. Encourage the legislature to establish tobacco retail licensure, compliance checks, and enforcement for all tobacco retailers, including vape shops. 	Other	Thank you, no comment
Tina Ripley	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed	Other	
Michael Zeller	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply the rule to all flavored vaping products AND all flavored tobacco products. Penalties for sale should be levied on the owner/operator of the retail establishment with no penalties on clerks or youth, and remove the provision that allows for jailtime. Encourage the legislature to establish tobacco retail licensure, compliance checks, and enforcement for all tobacco retailers, including vape shops. 	Other	Thank you, no comment
Carol Opalek	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply the rule to all flavored vaping products AND all flavored tobacco products. Penalties for sale should be levied on the owner/operator of the retail establishment with no penalties on clerks or youth, and remove the provision that allows for jailtime. Encourage the legislature to establish tobacco retail licensure, compliance checks, and enforcement for all tobacco retailers, including vape shops. 	Other	Thank you, no comment

David Newman	n/a	Associate Director, Policy and Government Affairs-Michigan Primary Care Association	Support	Support: See Attached Comment	Other	Thank you , no comment
Tim Pokela	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: • Apply the rule to all flavored vaping products AND all flavored tobacco products. • Penalties for sale should be levied on the owner/operator of the retail establishment with no penalties on clerks or youth, and remove the provision that allows for jailtime. • Encourage the legislature to establish tobacco retail licensure, compliance checks, and enforcement for all tobacco retailers, including vape shops.	Other	Thank you , no comment
David Manning	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: • Apply the rule to all flavored vaping products AND all flavored tobacco products. • Penalties for sale should be levied on the owner/operator of the retail establishment with no penalties on clerks or youth, and remove the provision that allows for jailtime. • Encourage the legislature to establish tobacco retail licensure, compliance checks, and enforcement for all tobacco retailers, including vape shops.	Other	Thank you, no comment
Elizabeth Pielsticker	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support : • Apply the rule to all flavored vaping products AND all flavored tobacco products. • Penalties for sale should be levied on the owner/operator of the retail establishment with no penalties on clerks or youth, and remove the provision that allows for jailtime. • Encourage the legislature to establish tobacco retail licensure, compliance checks, and enforcement for all tobacco retailers, including vape shops.	Other	Thank you, no comment
Richard Jackson	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: • Apply the rule to all flavored vaping products AND all flavored tobacco products. • Penalties for sale should be levied on the owner/operator of the retail establishment with no penalties on clerks or youth, and remove the provision that allows for jailtime. • Encourage the legislature to establish tobacco retail licensure, compliance checks, and enforcement for all tobacco retailers, including vape shops.	Other	Thank you, no comment

Cory Cassidy (2)	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I haven't had a cigarette in over 5 years and I just shared that on Facebook a few days ago and I vape vanilla custard that's all I vape it's my favorite and there's no way I would ever want to have a vape juice taste like cigarettes I don't ever want to go back to smoking I love my vanilla custard it saved my life, I don't even use my inhaler anymore and I can taste again and I no longer get short of breath walking up the stairs over 5 years I've been vaping now and I'm down to 6 milligrams of nicotine now too and I feel great please don't take this away from me I don't want to ever go back to smoking cigarettes again, Second comment: then I finally find something that helped me stop and you want to take it away from me, my kids my whole family are so happy when I gave up smoking and started to vape, please don't take the one and only thing away that helped me stop smoking cigarettes please don't take that from me I don't want to go back to cigarettes abs with out my vanilla custard vape juice I know I'll go back to smoking again	Vaping used to quity smoking	An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking.
Robin Lilac	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Flavors played a big roll in the first part of quitting.. giving you a variety to choose from helped immensely. Just like anything people do not all like the same and you just need to find the one that's right for you. Did not want anything that tasted like a real cigarette yet not too overpowering of a flavor either.	Vaping used to quity smoking	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony has been documented.
Denise Hawkins	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply the rule to all flavored vaping products AND all flavored tobacco products. • Penalties for sale should be levied on the owner/operator of the retail establishment with no penalties on clerks or youth, and remove the provision that allows for jailtime. • Encourage the legislature to establish tobacco retail licensure, compliance checks, and enforcement for all tobacco retailers, including vape shops. 	Other	Thank you, no comment
Kristian Hurley	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply the rule to all flavored vaping products AND all flavored tobacco products. • Penalties for sale should be levied on the owner/operator of the retail establishment with no penalties on clerks or youth, and remove the provision that allows for jailtime. • Encourage the legislature to establish tobacco retail licensure, compliance checks, and enforcement for all tobacco retailers, including vape shops. 	Other	Thank you, no comment

Lisa Choate(2)	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	<p>Support: • Apply the rule to all flavored vaping products AND all flavored tobacco products.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penalties for sale should be levied on the owner/operator of the retail establishment with no penalties on clerks or youth, and remove the provision that allows for jailtime. • Encourage the legislature to establish tobacco retail licensure, compliance checks, and enforcement for all tobacco retailers, including vape shops. 	Other	Thank you, no comment
Scott Akiyama	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed: We hope to continue forward with ventures of helping others quit and stay off cigarettes and have a income to support ourselves and our families. With this flavor ban I cannot see this happening. We will probably end up closing our stores. Please consider how many people vaping helped quit smoking and has led there lives in a more healthier path.</p>	Loss of business/job	<p>As a Department, we have taken into account all aspects of this permanent rule, including concerns by the business community. This measure does not ban e-cigarettes. Sellers can still sell flavors that mimic tobacco, unflavored products and 0% non-nicotine flavors flavored vaping products in Michigan as well as flavored nicotine vapor products outside of Michigan to adult customers. Vape shops and other tobacco retailers can continue to sell e-cigarette devices, and components. A report by Johns Hopkins University examined the economic impact of flavor bans for all tobacco products on tobacco retailers. The report found that a flavor ban would have minimal impact on retailers. Trends show that most retailers do not rely on these products as their only or primary source of revenue and are able to adapt their product offerings.</p>
Austin Mezeske	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed: This ban will NOT solve anything, as a matter of fact it will only create a black market for vapor products because people do not want to have to resort to tobacco products. The taste is horrible and the smoke is dense. But with flavor products you have way more control over how much flavor and output of nicotine/smoke your body would accept.</p>	Black Market	<p>To date, we have not seen this play out in other jurisdictions who have removed flavored e-cigarettes. There is insufficient evidence that flavor restrictions will lead to an illicit market. Tobacco companies have consistently claimed that there is a risk of an illicit market to discourage governments from implementing effective tobacco control measures, but we have seen no evidence of this. The tobacco industry makes similar claims about the creation of a black-market following tobacco tax increases, and study after study has shown that the industry's claims are overblown</p>
Jo Leslie	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	<p>Support: • Apply the rule to all flavored vaping products AND all flavored tobacco products.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penalties for sale should be levied on the owner/operator of the retail establishment with no penalties on clerks or youth, and remove the provision that allows for jailtime. • Encourage the legislature to establish tobacco retail licensure, compliance checks, and enforcement for all tobacco retailers, including vape shops. 	Other	Thank you, no comment

Nathaniel Wilson	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Taking away peoples nicotine of choice, especially during a pandemic, will only cause mass hysteria. People will always find ways around it including buying from other states or making their own flavor. It will only hurt Michigan businesses. There is no reason legal vaping adults cannot inhale the flavor they want when there's flavored tobacco and alcohol at the ready and much worse proven consequences.	Other	The adult rate of e-cigarette use is 6.1% in Michigan (2018) whereas the youth rates in Michigan are much higher at 20.8% in 2019 YRBS (MI). In 2020, the National Youth Tobacco Survey shows current youth e-cigarette use rate is 19.6% and 82.9% of kids use flavored e-cigarettes. So, there are many fewer adults who are using e-cigarettes than kids. There will still be unflavored products, flavors that mimic tobacco and 0% non-nicotine flavors available for adults.
Daniel Lawitzke	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: . It would be an absolute crime to force them off the market. Statistically, flavors are a major factor in a successful transition from traditional cigarettes. I fear that if flavors are forced off the market, tens of thousands of people will go back to combustible cigarettes, which would be a massive hit to public health, and will also prevent people from switching to an alternative product	Return to cigarettes if banned	An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking.
Charles Wright	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: • Apply the rule to all flavored vaping products AND all flavored tobacco products. • Penalties for sale should be levied on the owner/operator of the retail establishment with no penalties on clerks or youth, and remove the provision that allows for jailtime. • Encourage the legislature to establish tobacco retail licensure, compliance checks, and enforcement for all tobacco retailers, including vape shops.	Other	Thank you, no comment
Kim Duncan	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: • Apply the rule to all flavored vaping products AND all flavored tobacco products. • Penalties for sale should be levied on the owner/operator of the retail establishment with no penalties on clerks or youth, and remove the provision that allows for jailtime. • Encourage the legislature to establish tobacco retail licensure, compliance checks, and enforcement for all tobacco retailers, including vape shops.	Other	Thank you, no comment
Phillip Gardiner	n/a	African American Tobacco Control Leadership Council	Support	Support: See Attached Comment	Other	Thank you, no comment

Heather Ladanyi	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	<p>Support: • Apply the rule to all flavored vaping products AND all flavored tobacco products.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penalties for sale should be levied on the owner/operator of the retail establishment with no penalties on clerks or youth, and remove the provision that allows for jailtime. • Encourage the legislature to establish tobacco retail licensure, compliance checks, and enforcement for all tobacco retailers, including vape shops. 	Other	Thank you, no comment
Roger Linn	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed: I do not believe it is reasonable to punish responsible adults because kids are making bad choices and buying something they should not. They will buy it on the black market anyways!!!! Set proper age limits if you must but I do not feel you have the right to tell me how to live a safer life.</p>	Other	<p>To date, we have not seen this play out in other jurisdictions who have removed flavored e-cigarettes. There is insufficient evidence that flavor restrictions will lead to an illicit market. Tobacco companies have consistently claimed that there is a risk of an illicit market to discourage governments from implementing effective tobacco control measures, but we have seen no evidence of this. The tobacco industry makes similar claims about the creation of a black-market following tobacco tax increases, and study after study has shown that the industry's claims are overblown</p>
Georgiann Young	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	<p>Support: • Apply the rule to all flavored vaping products AND all flavored tobacco products.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penalties for sale should be levied on the owner/operator of the retail establishment with no penalties on clerks or youth, and remove the provision that allows for jailtime. • Encourage the legislature to establish tobacco retail licensure, compliance checks, and enforcement for all tobacco retailers, including vape shops. 	Other	Thank you, no comment
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Robert Dallape	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed: I believe a flavor ban on nicotine products are the wrong way to go. I understand you're losing tax revenue on people quitting smoking and also your funding from the MSA but a flavor ban is not the way to go. Tax vaping products may assist you in recovering lost tax monies and save health care monies going forward. Not to mention saving lives.</p>	Other	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony has been documented.
Julia Skelton	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	<p>Support: • Apply the rule to all flavored vaping products AND all flavored tobacco products.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penalties for sale should be levied on the owner/operator of the retail establishment with no penalties on clerks or youth, and remove the provision that allows for jailtime. • Encourage the legislature to establish tobacco retail licensure, compliance checks, and enforcement for all tobacco retailers, including vape shops. 	Other	Thank you, no comment
Christina Brookshire	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed: I am writing to strongly object to a flavor ban on vaping. Vaping has helped me stop smoking after many years and the sole reason is I was able to substitute tobacco with flavored vaping products. It is absurd that the Michigan government would do away with flavored vaping products while promoting and encouraging flavored drinks, flavored alcohol and cigarettes.</p> <p>Children vaping is an issue however it can be controlled by better tracking of products purchased and by more severe fines for selling to minors.</p>	Vaping used to quity smoking	<p>While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.</p>

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Bob Kefgen	n/a	Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals	Support	Support: See Attached Comment	Other	Thank you , no comment
Jean LaSargeBono	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	<p>Support: • Apply the rule to all flavored vaping products AND all flavored tobacco products.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penalties for sale should be levied on the owner/operator of the retail establishment with no penalties on clerks or youth, and remove the provision that allows for jailtime. • Encourage the legislature to establish tobacco retail licensure, compliance checks, and enforcement for all tobacco retailers, including vape shops 	Other	Thank you, no comment
Ray Reitsma	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	<p>Support: • Apply the rule to all flavored vaping products AND all flavored tobacco products.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penalties for sale should be levied on the owner/operator of the retail establishment with no penalties on clerks or youth, and remove the provision that allows for jailtime. • Encourage the legislature to establish tobacco retail licensure, compliance checks, and enforcement for all tobacco retailers, including vape shops 	Other	Thank you, no comment
India Manns	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	<p>Support: • Apply the rule to all flavored vaping products AND all flavored tobacco products.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penalties for sale should be levied on the owner/operator of the retail establishment with no penalties on clerks or youth, and remove the provision that allows for jailtime. • Encourage the legislature to establish tobacco retail licensure, compliance checks, and enforcement for all tobacco retailers, including vape shops. 	Other	Thank you, no comment

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Andrew Wyns	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed: I switched to vaping at age 34 and enjoyed various flavors throughout the years while my health conditions improved dramatically and continue to vape at the age of 41 and still feel great other than I have no choice to use Juul tobacco flavored pods because Gov Whitmer started all this nonsense. I was a lifelong Democrat supporter until this Governor came around and started messing with vaping and my choice of what flavors to enjoy. If you are worried about kids picking up a nicotine habit they would be much safer vaping but I'm sure its not really about the children, it is about tax dollars.</p>	Other	While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates
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Abdulla Saeed	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed: a ban on vape will mean potential health risks to my grandmother. this will also cause my family's favorite local vape shop to close. i don't understand why? because our local vape shop has lab reports for all liquids sold showing their products contain zero carcinogens. this will cause my grandmother to acquire the product from a black market.</p>	Other	To date, we have not seen this play out in other jurisdictions who have removed flavored e-cigarettes. There is insufficient evidence that flavor restrictions will lead to an illicit market. Tobacco companies have consistently claimed that there is a risk of an illicit market to discourage governments from implementing effective tobacco control measures, but we have seen no evidence of this. The tobacco industry makes similar claims about the creation of a black-market following tobacco tax increases, and study after study has shown that the industry's claims are overblown

David Compagner	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I've been vaping for 8 years now, I started vaping to quit smoking and it worked for me. Ever since the the new law came out I still vape I buy my juice and nicotine packs separately. And every vape store you go to If you ain't 21 they will not let you in the store. The problem is the parents buy for their kids. Start looking at that, I work at a truck stop I know who smokes and who doesn't.	Vaping used to quity smoking	While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.
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Ashley Shannon	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Banning flavors will not stop unsupervised teenagers from using illegal substances, they will just smoke cigarettes instead. This should be a concern of the parent like myself, not the government. This ban will only hurt the adults who are breaking the bad habit of quitting cigarettes and transitioning to a safer alternative	Return to cigarettes if banned	An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking.

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Jacob Bergstrom	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed: I started smoking cigarettes before 18 and only switched to vaping once i turned 18. They have successfully kept me off cigarettes and even helped me quit nicotine for a long period. But even after starting vaping again at least i knew i had option that i felt was better, tasted better and didnt remind me of smoking cigarettes.</p>	Vaping used to quity smoking	<p>While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General’s Report states that “there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation.” Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was ‘very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.’ There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.</p>
Michael Chevillot	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed: I would like to say that this is a HEALTHIER alternative to smoking for adults. If it only legal for adults as alcohol is there should not be any issue. You would not propose that you only sell one flavor of alcohol. Adults who contribute to minors breaking the law should be held accountable, but do not punish responsible citizens.</p>	Safer than smoking	<p>Most e-cigarettes deliver nicotine, which is highly addictive and can harm the developing brains of teens, kids and fetuses in women who vape while pregnant. Some types expose users to even more nicotine than traditional cigarettes. E-cigarette aerosol includes potentially harmful substances such as diacetyl (a chemical linked to a serious lung disease), cancer-causing chemicals (e.g., acetaldehyde in ecig aerosol), volatile organic compounds (VOCs such as benzene found in gasoline), and heavy metals (nickel, tin, lead.)</p>

Shawn Fehr	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Shaping [vaping] has saved my life. I smoked cigarettes for many years and couldn't have quit if it weren't for vaping. I tried every other cessation on the market as well as medication. Thanks to vaping and vaping devices, I have been cigarette free for 8+ years and have never felt better. I feel it would be a huge disservice if vaping produces were regulated any more than they already are.	Vaping used to quity smoking	While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.
John Maraldo	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed	Other	
Jason Sperry	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: i never wanted to give up the habit and having a safer option available to me me and my car smell alot better. DO NOT ban the one thing that keeps me from going back to cigarettes. i understand that our country receives money from Big tobacco companies that helps our state BUT don't you think Michiganders health is more important than that. and if its a thing for underage smoking most teens have switched off cigarettes' its not the cool thing vapes are and they are safer, if you take that away we will have another generation of smokers.	Return to cigarettes if banned	An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking.
Salina Mock	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: . If flavored vapes are banned then everything I have worked for comes crashing down. The different types of flavors that everyone gets actually helps them a lot more then what people see or even realize.	Other	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony has been documented.
Jonathan Sandberg	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Vaping has drastically improved my overall health. During the last ban, I attempted to vape tobacco flavor. I bought four different flavors actually. (I only vape lab tested, carcinogen-free, so my options are slightly limited with that restriction. I don't want to taste fake tobacco. Doing so only makes me want to taste actual tobacco, which I eventually did. Tobacco flavor is disgusting in my opinion.Keep it away from kids, absolutely. But don't take my freedom of choice away.	Return to cigarettes if banned	An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking.

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Anne Switala	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: The science and data doesn't lie, and is all supported. I ask you be a part of the solution. Please look up Royal College of Physicians, Complete data on teen vaping (not just how many have "tried it" in 30 days. How many vape every day and how many used to smoke are key. We all know these statistics, and how many lives can be saved with flavored e liquid.	Safer than smoking	Most e-cigarettes deliver nicotine, which is highly addictive and can harm the developing brains of teens, kids and fetuses in women who vape while pregnant. Some types expose users to even more nicotine than traditional cigarettes. E-cigarette aerosol includes potentially harmful substances such as diacetyl (a chemical linked to a serious lung disease), cancer-causing chemicals (e.g., acetaldehyde in ecig aerosol), volatile
Stephen Ghostley	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: • Apply the rule to all flavored vaping products AND all flavored tobacco products. • Penalties for sale should be levied on the owner/operator of the retail establishment with no penalties on clerks or youth, and remove the provision that allows for jailtime. • Encourage the legislature to establish tobacco retail licensure, compliance checks, and enforcement for all tobacco retailers, including vape shops.	Other	Thank you, no comment
Barbara Christian	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I smoked cigarettes for 40 years . During that time I encountered many sinus infections and a weakened immune system, and low oxygen levels. I have vaped the flavor Georgia Peach for 5 years now. No more sinus infections, my oxygen levels in the 90's and I seldom even get a cold anymore. If you were to ban vape flavors , I will probably go back to smoking cigarettes again. I'm sure Governor Whitmer has more important tasks that she should be doing that won't infringe on my freedoms.	Return to cigarettes if banned	Most e-cigarettes deliver nicotine, which is highly addictive and can harm the developing brains of teens, kids and fetuses in women who vape while pregnant. Some types expose users to even more nicotine than traditional cigarettes. E-cigarette aerosol includes potentially harmful substances such as diacetyl (a chemical linked to a serious lung disease), cancer-causing chemicals (e.g., acetaldehyde in ecig aerosol), volatile organic compounds (VOCs such as benzene found in gasoline), and heavy metals (nickel, tin, lead.)

Sharyl Skutt	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Of course I am in agreement that minors should not use vaping devices. However, as an adult vaper, I want the ability to continue purchasing vaping supplies both locally and online. One of the major considerations for me are flavors. I typically purchase fruit or dessert flavors and have a variety of them (probably 8 different flavors). They are not strictly marketed to a younger audience. Adults want flavors! Banning flavors is not the solution to prevent young people from vaping, but it does punish all vapers. There are policies in place to prevent minors from purchasing vaping products. Alcohol is illegal for minors as well, but we have not banned the plethora of flavor options available to adults.	Other	The adult rate of e-cigarette use is 6.1% in Michigan (2018) whereas the youth rates in Michigan are much higher at 20.8% in 2019 YRBS (MI). In 2020, the National Youth Tobacco Survey shows current youth e-cigarette use rate is 19.6% and 82.9% of kids use flavored e-cigarettes. So, there are many fewer adults who are using e-cigarettes than kids. There will still be unflavored products, flavors that mimic tobacco and 0% non-nicotine flavors available for adults.
Robin Oliver	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: As a family who is personally affected by this very addictive product by a teen, I ask for your support in banning all tobacco and e-cigarette flavoring in the state of MI. Any legislation you could pass regarding this topic would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.	Other	Thank you, no comment
Matt Brzezinski	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: • Apply the rule to all flavored vaping products AND all flavored tobacco products. • Penalties for sale should be levied on the owner/operator of the retail establishment with no penalties on clerks or youth, and remove the provision that allows for jailtime. • Encourage the legislature to establish tobacco retail licensure, compliance checks, and enforcement for all tobacco retailers, including vape shops.	Other	Thank you, no comment

Jennifer Chaffee	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed: I can understand wanting to make sure to keep these items away from kids. Make these flavored juices ONLY available at a speciality shop (which is where I have always bought mine). They won't allow anyone to purchase ANY nicotine item unless they are 21 and show their ID.</p> <p>Please, please use other restrictions such as these to keep the flavors available for us adults who use these as tools to stop smoking and stay away from the HARMFUL chemicals in cigarettes.</p>	More effective to quit smoking	<p>While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.</p>
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David Hudson	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed: I've been cigarette free for almost 10 years because of Electronic Cigarettes. It may not be perfect but the science clearly shows it is a reduction in risk. Flavor bans and other restrictions will drive people to flavored cigarettes and kill people. Not to mention it's a gross attack on adult's personal freedom.</p>	Other	<p>An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking.</p>

Muaamar Alheyasi	n/a	individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Vapeing it's my rights and help me quit smoking cigarettes please go ban the cigarettes and alcohol	It's my personal right as an adult	The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is mandated to “endeavor to prevent disease, prolong life, and promote the public health through ... prevention and control of diseases [and] health problems of particularly vulnerable groups,” such as youth. MCL 333.2221(1). It is empowered under the Public Health Code to exercise authority and promulgate rules to safeguard the public health. MCL 333.2226(d). The Department may also promulgate emergency rules without following the notice and participation procedures required by sections 41, 42, and 48 of 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.241, MCL 24.242, and MCL 24.248 of the Michigan Compiled Laws in circumstances where a finding of emergency is made. Our goal is to protect youth from the appealing flavors that draw them in to initiating use of -cigarettes
Jennifer Lynd	n/a	individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: My husband has been vaping for 3 years and he loves quite a bit of the flavors. He started out at 18 nicotine and now is down to 6 mg of nicotine. DO NOT TAKE AWAY FLAVORS!!!!!! I want our small business we go to to thrive	Loss of business/job	As a Department, we have taken into account all aspects of this permanent rule, including concerns by the business community. This measure does not ban e-cigarettes. Sellers can still sell flavors that mimic tobacco, unflavored products and 0% non-nicotine flavors flavored vaping products in Michigan as well as flavored nicotine vapor products outside of Michigan to adult customers. Vape shops and other tobacco retailers can continue to sell e-cigarette devices, and components. A report by Johns Hopkins University examined the economic impact of flavor bans for all tobacco products on tobacco retailers. The report found that a flavor ban would have minimal impact on retailers. Trends show that most retailers do not rely on these products as their only or primary source of revenue and are able to adapt their product offerings

Mary Ashman-Dumas	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: was able to transition to 0% nicotine vaping products and have remained tobacco and nicotine free ever since. I had not succeeded with any other attempt to quit smoking and would not have succeeded this time without flavors like blueberry with a hint of dark chocolate. Keep vaping products out of the hands of children but I'm not a child. Allow me the freedom to succeed as a non-smoker. I haven't heard any calls to ban flavored alcohol under the guise of protecting our youth.	Vaping used to quity smoking	While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.
Mary Ardner	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply the rule to all flavored vaping products AND all flavored tobacco products. • Penalties for sale should be levied on the owner/operator of the retail establishment with no penalties on clerks or youth, and remove the provision that allows for jailtime. • Encourage the legislature to establish tobacco retail licensure, compliance checks, and enforcement for all tobacco retailers, including vape shops. 	Other	Thank you, no comment
Robin Cox	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: For me vaping is a life saver without it I would be forced to go back to smoking cigarettes which has been a negative for my health. I would appreciate the ability to choose to continue to vape. I do shop online and at a vape store the last few bans attempted has affected the little stores in and around where I live causing a decline in small business owners and an increase in unemployment. I do not mind that I have to be carted at the age of 56 if it means I still have the choice to buy vaping flavors	Return to cigarettes if banned	An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking.

Darlene Lakin	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: The law says 21 to buy and we just need to make the shops abide by that, don't take my rights away from me. I know the risk but I still think its better than cigarettes, I don't want to go back to cigarettes but if I can't have my menthol liquid I may. And you have to know that if you ban it people will start making it and selling it illegally and who knows what will be in that stuff. And if the young people want it they will find a way no matter what you do.	Other	is mandated to "endeavor to prevent disease, prolong life, and promote the public health through ... prevention and control of diseases [and] health problems of particularly vulnerable groups," such as youth. MCL 333.2221(1). It is empowered under the Public Health Code to exercise authority and promulgate rules to safeguard the public health. MCL 333.2226(d). The Department may also promulgate emergency rules without following the notice and participation procedures required by sections 41, 42, and 48 of 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.241, MCL 24.242, and MCL 24.248 of the Michigan Compiled Laws in circumstances where a finding of emergency is made. Our goal is to protect youth from most e-cigarettes deliver nicotine, which is highly
Andrew Grignon	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Parents as well as store owners are the 2 main reasons why underage kids get their hands on products that are intended for adults. To create a flavor ban would be reckless and a slap in the face of thousands of Michigan adults who use vaping as a 95% safer alternative to quit smoking. We use flavored eliquid because tobacco flavors dont taste very good. I've been vaping for 6 years now and my health has never been better since then. To	Safer than smoking	addictive and can harm the developing brains of teens, kids and fetuses in women who vape while pregnant. Some types expose users to even more nicotine than traditional cigarettes. E-cigarette aerosol includes potentially harmful substances such as diacetyl (a chemical linked to a serious lung disease), cancer-causing chemicals (e.g., acetaldehyde in ecig aerosol), volatile organic compounds (VOCs such as benzene found in gasoline), and heavy metals (nickel, tin, lead.)
Dr. Robert G. Schirmer	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: See Attached Comment	Other	Thank you, no comment
Kimberly Price	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: See Attached Comment	Other	Thank you, no comment
Kenneth Harden	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I went from smoking two packs a day to no cigarettes in under a week. I feel the main difference from the other things i used was the flavors and ability to get nicotine in a satisfying way. I feel after seeing resent data youth daily use is on the decline, also with the new nationwide tobacco 21 law already affectively restricts access to under age people. Witch in my opinion makes this unfair and unnecessary legislation, that only will restrict access to legal adlut use, that will definitely have a devastating effect on public health. So just enforce the laws we already have instead of making things more complicated for legal adult use.	Other	Even with the decline, e-cigarette use remains a public health crisis, with 3.6 million kids using e-cigarettes in 2020. Current use remains at about the same level as it was in 2018 when the U.S. Surgeon General first called youth e-cigarette use an "epidemic." Moreover, the percentage of youth who use e-cigarettes frequently has grown every year since 2015, an indicator of serious addiction
Mimi Boublik	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: According to the 2020 National Youth Tobacco Survey, 3.6 million teens are using regularly, with an increasing frequency that suggests greater addiction. Additionally, over the last year there has been 1000% increase in the use of disposable vaping products among high school e-cigarette users (and a 400% increase among middle school users!). Importantly, among all current youth e-cigarette users, more than 8 out of 10 use flavored products, with fruit, candy and minty menthol among the most commonly used.	Other	Thank you, no comment

Haydn Carr	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed: Vaping has helped many people enhance the quality of their life. In the United Kingdom they wanted to build vape shops in or near their hospitals because they know the potential vaping has and plans to be smoke free within 15 years. Most people might be forced into buying on the underground market which has not quality control and could put anything in the e liquid. Since 2016 the fda has received ingredients list from all manufacturers in the United States and she have approved of these ingredients in the past.</p> <p>My health has improved so much since I started vaping. I can smell so much better I can actually smell the autumn leaves and fresh flowers.</p>	Black Market	<p>To date, we have not seen this play out in other jurisdictions who have removed flavored e-cigarettes. There is insufficient evidence that flavor restrictions will lead to an illicit market. Tobacco companies have consistently claimed that there is a risk of an illicit market to discourage governments from implementing effective tobacco control measures, but we have seen no evidence of this. The tobacco industry makes similar claims about the creation of a black-market following tobacco tax increases, and study after study has shown that the industry's claims are overblown.</p>
Amy Acs	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	<p>Support: •Apply the rule to all flavored vaping products AND all flavored tobacco products.</p> <p>•Penalties for sale should be levied on the owner/operator of the retail establishment with no penalties on clerks or youth and remove the provision that allows for jailtime.</p> <p>•Encourage the legislature to establish tobacco retail licensure, compliance checks, and enforcement for all tobacco retailers, including vape shops.</p>	Other	<p>Thank you, no comment</p>
Keri Bruneel	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed: I started smoking at 18 and tried quitting using the patch, nicotine gum etc. it wasn't until I started vaping Apple Funnel Cake that I could actually quit. 4 years later using a step down program (lowering my nic level every 3 months) I'm now completely free from Cigarettes and Vape! Please peoples life depends on being able to vape a flavor nicotine. Cigarette flavor just reminds you of smoking and it is too hard to quit. Please take it out of convenience stores and only allow flavored vape in a specialty store that is 21 and older. Than hold the store accountable if they sell to a minor. Hold the minor responsible with a MIP like Alcohol.</p>	Vaping used to quity smoking	<p>While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.</p>

Richard Bovitz	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed: I give E cigarettes credit we're saving my life and my legs. Yes I use many different flavors including sweets which have allowed me not to gain excessive weight and keep me from snacking on high sugar foods that would affect my diabetes.</p> <p>I also believe that by trying to ban flavored E cigarettes that you would also cause many businesses to close and cause more unemployment which would be devastating at this point in time to our state. Michigan would also lose the taxes collected on the sale of these products</p> <p>If you want to do anything I suggest you start treating people that sell or buy for underage people the same as you would for regular cigarettes or alcohol.</p>	Loss of business/job	<p>As a Department, we have taken into account all aspects of this permanent rule, including concerns by the business community. This measure does not ban e-cigarettes. Sellers can still sell flavors that mimic tobacco, unflavored products and 0% non-nicotine flavors flavored vaping products in Michigan as well as flavored nicotine vapor products outside of Michigan to adult customers. Vape shops and other tobacco retailers can continue to sell e-cigarette devices, and components. A report by Johns Hopkins University examined the economic impact of flavor bans for all tobacco products on tobacco retailers. The report found that a flavor ban would have minimal impact on retailers. Trends show that most retailers do not rely on these products as their only or primary source of revenue and are able to adapt their product offerings.</p>
Timothy Bingham	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed: Please do NOT ban flavored e-liquid. Children can be protected by strictly enforcing the age limit via age verification mechanisms.</p> <p>If flavors are banned, numerous ex-smokers may be back to smoking unhealthy, and proven harmful cigarettes</p>	Return to cigarettes if banned	<p>An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking.</p>
Cathy Mott	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed: I smoked for 44 years. I tried everything to quit: cold turkey, nicotine patches & gum, hypnosis, acupuncture. I started vaping in 2015 and haven't smoked a cigarette since. My mother and sister both smoked and died from COPD. Having the flavors is so much better than the tobacco flavor. Please do not ban the flavors.</p>	Vaping used to quity smoking	<p>While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.</p>

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Mike Curell	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	<p>Support: According to the 2020 National Youth Tobacco Survey, 3.6 million teens are using regularly, with an increasing frequency that suggests greater addiction. Additionally, over the last year there has been 1000% increase in the use of disposable vaping products among high school e-cigarette users (and a 400% increase among middle school users!). Importantly, among all current youth e-cigarette users, more than 8 out of 10 use flavored products, with fruit, candy and minty menthol among the most commonly used.</p>	Other	Thank you, no comment
minick	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	<p>Support: According to the 2020 National Youth Tobacco Survey, 3.6 million teens are using regularly, with an increasing frequency that suggests greater addiction. Additionally, over the last year there has been 1000% increase in the use of disposable vaping products among high school e-cigarette users (and a 400% increase among middle school users!). Importantly, among all current youth e-cigarette users, more than 8 out of 10 use flavored products, with fruit, candy and minty menthol among the most commonly used</p>	Other	Thank you, no comment
Steve Polega	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	<p>Support: • Apply the rule to all flavored vaping products AND all flavored tobacco products.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penalties for sale should be levied on the owner/operator of the retail establishment with no penalties on clerks or youth, and remove the provision that allows for jailtime. • Encourage the legislature to establish tobacco retail licensure, compliance checks, and enforcement for all tobacco retailers, including vape shops. 	Other	Thank you, no comment

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Catherine Cooper	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply the rule to all flavored vaping products AND all flavored tobacco products. Penalties for sale should be levied on the owner/operator of the retail establishment with no penalties on clerks or youth, and remove the provision that allows for jailtime. Encourage the legislature to establish tobacco retail licensure, compliance checks, and enforcement for all tobacco retailers, including vape shops. 	Other	Thank you, no comment
Michelle Pena	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply the rule to all flavored vaping products AND all flavored tobacco products. Penalties for sale should be levied on the owner/operator of the retail establishment with no penalties on clerks or youth, and remove the provision that allows for jailtime. Encourage the legislature to establish tobacco retail licensure, compliance checks, and enforcement for all tobacco retailers, including vape shops. 	Other	Thank you, no comment
Mark Griffin	n/a	Michigan Petroleum Association Michigan Association of Convenience Stores Michigan Oil Change Association Michigan Petroleum Service Corporation Michigan Petroleum Education Foundation	Opposed	Opposed: See Attached Comment	Other	Thank you, no comment

Kurt Johnson	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: • Apply the rule to all flavored vaping products AND all flavored tobacco products. • Penalties for sale should be levied on the owner/operator of the retail establishment with no penalties on clerks or youth, and remove the provision that allows for jailtime. • Encourage the legislature to establish tobacco retail licensure, compliance checks, and enforcement for all tobacco retailers, including vape shops.	Other	Thank you, no comment
Ashley Bergeon	n/a	Prevention Works	Support	Support-see attached comments	Other	Thank you, no comment
Lisa Hahn	n/a	Oakland County Health Division- Chief Community Nursing Programs	Support	Support: Please ban all flavored vaping and tobacco products. I am in favor of prohibiting the sale or distribution of flavored nicotine vapor products - including menthol flavors but excluding tobacco flavors - to anyone in the state and the use of imagery representing a flavor to sell the product. I support these rule changes.	Other	Thank you, no comment
Kathy Curell	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: According to the 2020 National Youth Tobacco Survey, 3.6 million teens are using regularly, with an increasing frequency that suggests greater addiction. Additionally, over the last year there has been 1000% increase in the use of disposable vaping products among high school e-cigarette users (and a 400% increase among middle school users!). Importantly, among all current youth e-cigarette users, more than 8 out of 10 use flavored products, with fruit, candy and minty menthol among the most commonly used.	Other	Thank you, no comment
Mary Kay Makarewicz	n/a	Michigan Society of Hematology & Oncology	Support	Support: See Attached Comment	Other	Thank you, no comment

Katherine Saunders	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Blue raspberry flavor is what keeps me happy that i dont need combustables. I smoked cigs for 20 yrs... blue raspberry is my go to vape flavor and id be pissed of and vote you outa office at my first chance if you take vaping away or tax it so its no longer a cheaper option. I have never felt as good as i do now since switching to vape!	Vaping used to quity smoking	While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.
Elenna French	n/a	Henry Ford Health Systems-Policy and Health Services Branch	Support	Support: See Attached Comment	Other	Thank you, no comment
Ashley Schachinger	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Banning vapor products outright will result in a massive detriment to public health, as an overwhelming number of adults rely on life-saving flavored vapor products in order to stay off of deadly combustible cigarettes. If flavored vaping products get banned, many adults who rely on vapor (including me) will have no choice but to go back to cigarettes, and thus, a more harmful medium of satisfying our nicotine cravings. And as a result, many of us will die from tobacco related cancers.	Return to cigarettes if banned	An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking.
Bridget Melinn	n/a	American Heart Association and the Michigan Chapter American College of Cardiology.	Support	Support: See Attached Comment	Other	Thank you, no comment
Gerry Spinali	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: A ban on flavors would mean 1000's Of jobs lost and indangering ex smokers back to cigarettes. If the Health Department is supposed to protect us please reconsider banning Flavors. The Youth below 21 years of age is prohibited from entering any Vape Shop which is law but is not protected when entering a Party Store/Gas Stations from alcohol and cigarettes. Please reconsider the ban.	Other	of this permanent rule, including concerns by the business community. This measure does not ban e-cigarettes. Sellers can still sell flavors that mimic tobacco, unflavored products and 0% non-nicotine flavors flavored vaping products in Michigan as well as flavored nicotine vapor products outside of Michigan to adult customers. Vape shops and other tobacco retailers can continue to sell e-cigarette devices, and components. A report by Johns Hopkins University examined the economic impact of

Justin Dockin	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I am 32 years old I chewed tobacco for many years. I developed stomach issues and issues with my teeth caused in most part by the chewing tobacco. If it wasn't for flavored vape products I would still be using chew and much worse off for it. Banning flavored vape products will do nothing put harm those like me that have used vaping as a healthier alternative to tobacco products. Coming from a 32 yr old that enjoys fruity vapes. I hope you use your coming since and choose not to I force a flavor ban.	Safer than smoking	Most e-cigarettes deliver nicotine, which is highly addictive and can harm the developing brains of teens, kids and fetuses in women who vape while pregnant. Some types expose users to even more nicotine than traditional cigarettes. E-cigarette aerosol includes potentially harmful substances such as diacetyl (a chemical linked to a serious lung disease), cancer-causing chemicals (e.g., acetaldehyde in ecig aerosol), volatile organic compounds (VOCs such as benzene found in gasoline), and heavy metals (nickel, tin, lead.)
Kent Riddle	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: • Apply the rule to all flavored vaping products AND all flavored tobacco products. • Penalties for sale should be levied on the owner/operator of the retail establishment with no penalties on clerks or youth, and remove the provision that allows for jailtime. • Encourage the legislature to establish tobacco retail licensure, compliance checks, and enforcement for all tobacco retailers, including vape shops.	Other	Thank you, no comment
Ken Fletcher	n/a	American Lung Association	Support	Support: See Attached Comment	Other	Thank you, no comment
Joe Becsey	n/a	Keep MI Kids Tobacco Free Alliance	Support	Support: See Attached Comment	Other	Thank you, no comment
Shannon Quinby	n/a	Preventing Tobacco Addiction Foundation/Tobacco 21	Support	Support: See Attached Comment	Other	Thank you, no comment
Kimberly Kurtti	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: am 44 years old. I started smoking at age 11. I quit 5 years ago, with Red Bull flavored eliquid. I smoked menthol cigarettes for years so I need a flavor that I would stick to. I currently enjoy fruity flavors such as green apple and kiwi with menthol flavor. The teens don't want our eliquid, they go for the pod systems like juul and vuse. Those contain astronomical amounts of nicotine and teens like the way it feels. Please do not ban flavored liquids. My health is amazing now. I no longer get pneumonia every year, or bronchitis. The costs associated with smoking are too high. I need my flavored liquids.	Vaping used to quity smoking	While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.
Dr. Sharon Swindell	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: See Attached Comment		Thank you, no comment

Dan Mansfield	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Been off cigarettes for almost 5 years and its all due to flavored nicotine e-liquid. Please don't take it away from me.	Vaping used to quity smoking	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony has been documented.
Jennifer Shalifoe	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply the rule to all flavored vaping products AND all flavored tobacco products. • Penalties for sale should be levied on the owner/operator of the retail establishment with no penalties on clerks or youth, and remove the provision that allows for jailtime. • Encourage the legislature to establish tobacco retail licensure, compliance checks, and enforcement for all tobacco retailers, including vape shops. 		Thank you, no comment
Randall Jasky	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: One of the main things I like about vaping is the variety of flavors that there are. Since I quit smoking so long ago now, I have little to no interest in tobacco flavored e-liquids, and haven't even tried one in 3 years. I exclusively vape the flavors that are about to be banned. As a former smoker, I can honestly say that flavored e-liquids are the reason I haven't returned to smoking. The only thing this ban would accomplish is to criminalize something that is actively saving lives.	Vaping used to quity smoking	While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes.
Jason Patterson	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I smoked cigarettes for over 20 years. I tried everything including tobacco flavored juice. The issue is tobacco flavored vape juice makes you want a cigarette. That doesn't happen with flavored juice. I don't understand why we can't regulate vape juice like we do with alcohol to keep out of the hands of kids	Vaping used to quity smoking	While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes

Jaime Turnbull	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	<p>Support: The United States Surgeon General has warned against the skyrocketing rates of vaping and called “e-cigarette use among youth an epidemic in the United States.”</p> <p>The 2019 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey showed that 50 percent of Michigan high school students have tried vaping products and 20 percent of Michigan students are active users of the products.</p> <p>Research shows that flavors play a key role in youth use of tobacco products. 70% of youth e-cigarette users say they use e-cigarettes because they “come in flavors I like,” according to the Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health survey.</p> <p>A new generation of kids is becoming addicted to e-cigarettes every day, threatening decades of progress in reducing youth tobacco use.</p> <p>New federal policies enacted on Jan. 2, 2020 do not go far enough to protect Michigan youth. These policies do not prohibit menthol-flavored products, refillable pod systems or disposable e-cigarettes, and leave flavored e-liquids in every imaginable flavor widely available.</p>		Thank you, no comment
Joel Weinberger	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed:</p> <p>I feel that being able to vape has improved my health. I smoked cigarettes for 45 years and had 2 heart attacks. Switching to vaping has had great results for me. I know the big tobacco industry does not want to lose sales and politicians lose money from lobbyists for the tobacco industry.</p>	Vaping used to quity smoking	<p>While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General’s Report states that “there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation.” Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was ‘very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.’ There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.</p>
Scott Jackson	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed.	Other	

Angela Cosby	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I am fearful if you limit vaping products of what will happen but I will never go back to smoking cigarettes and will find whatever way I can to obtain vape products. We have children as well and honestly believe kids will either smoke cigarettes or vape and so far vaping seems safer to us. You can't legislate a child not to try things and if you could why are we not banning flavored alcohol or now with marijuana legal so many underage are doing this too.	Alcohol or Marijuana	We are only responding to the U.S. Surgeon General declaration that use of e-cigarettes by youth is a public health epidemic across the nation. The SG cited flavors as a main reason for this epidemic. These Administrative Rules do not address the issues of flavored marijuana and alcohol.
Kathryn Andrews	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I smoked 2-3 packs of cigarettes a day for 26 years, trying every 5 years to quit. I used gum, patches, hypnosis...until my son introduced me to vaping on April 14, 2011. Finally! I use menthol flavor, and had a yearly fall/ winter bout of bronchitis from 1986 thru 2011. I had pneumonia in 2004,(7 days hospitalized), 2008, 2009, and 2010. My younger brother, who mocked me for vaping, had open heart quadruple bypass surgery at age 47- Bcausevhe could not give up his camel lights.Also, because of this, and the death of our mother in 2001 of emphysema, I had a stress test done at age 51. Absolutely no heart damage found! I have not had bronchitis OR pneumonia since I started vaping, my sense of smell and taste are back . I have only ever used and liked menthol fluid. I would be lost without it! PLEASE DON'T TAKE MY OPTION AWAY!	Vaping used to quity smoking	While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.

Mary Moon	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed: I understand the concern about young kids taking up vaping; but I am not a young kid. The laws that apply to cigarettes and under age people apply to vaping. Cigarettes remain on the shelves. I am an adult and my choices should be respected. Enforce the laws for those under age, and allow me the right to continue to protect my health by not smoking.</p> <p>Vaping changed my life, and without the availability of flavored vaping, I would not have succeeded in my effort to quit smoking. Do not ban flavors for adults who have the right to use them, just as they have the right to smoke cigarettes. I had to choose and I choose my health.</p>	Other	<p>While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.</p>
Steven Haberer	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed: I am a 52 year old father and grandfather. I smoked for over 30 years and tried literally EVERYTHING to quit. Nothing worked until I discovered vaping and FLAVORS. If I had only tobacco and menthol to choose from I firmly believe I'd still be smoking. Ive been smoke free and in much better health for over 5 years now. ADULTS have the right to CHOOSE A BETTER WAY! My health and my life is my decision, not governments.</p>	Vaping used to quity smoking	<p>While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.</p>
Bethany Barber	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed: personally I think it should be our choice we know what we are risking by either smoking a cigarette or vaping AND BY YOU GUY'S TAKING AWAY VAPE PRODUCES IS ONLY PUTTING PEOPLE OUT OF businesses BUT TAKING AWAY OUR FREEDOM TO CHOICE ITS UP TO US TO CHOICE RATHER WE WANT TO PULUTE OUR LUNGS OR NOT AND AT LEAST BY VAPING I DON'T SMELL LIKE A DIRY WET ASHTRAY .</p>	It's my personal right as an adult	<p>With this permanent rule, retailers may still sell e-cigarette products, including unflavored products, flavors that mimic tobacco and 0% non-nicotine flavored e-cigarettes to adults.</p>

Robin Tachoir	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: See Attached Comment		
Mark Miron	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I am a 64 year old nurse and nurse educator. I smoked cigarettes for approximately 30 years. I have not smoked for almost 15 years due directly to vaping. I continue to vape today, and suffer none of the routine consequences of cigarette smoking. Upon cessation of smoking cigarettes, my lungs cleared, my exercise tolerance dramatically improved, and I no longer smell like an ashtray. I don't know what I would do without access to vaping liquids, as I don't tolerate NRT such as gum. Vaping has saved me thousands of dollars and stopped the negative progression of health consequences related to smoking cigarettes.	Vaping used to quity smoking	While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.
Jordan Adema	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Why are we encouraging people to return to harmful cigarettes! British NHS found vapes are 20x safer!	Return to cigarettes if banned	An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking.
Debra Pembrook	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: . I am in better shape than I have been in years. I need my flavors. They keep me from going back to smoking. I know more kids in my area are using marijuana than anything. Dont penalize the adults. If you do you should remove all flavors cigars and alcohol off the shelves also. Leave my vape juice alone and let me live a healthier life. If you banned flavored vapors for adults you will be forcing millions to go back to smoking.	Return to cigarettes if banned	An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking.
Mark Ritter	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I no longer cough immediately just from walking outside in the cold weather. There's lots to it. And I give all the credit to the flavors. Without those, it would be easier to go back to smoking. Now I couldn't imagine having tobacco flavored anything. That would defeat the entire benefit of an alternative. This was easy because it tasted good and I didn't even realize I had quit.	Return to cigarettes if banned	An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking.

Brennan Demoinis	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: the vapes aren't the problem it's the tobacco industry.... let me tell you I stop smoking cigarettes and switched to vaping, salt nic actually and I don't have that heavy lung problem when I wake up don't punish us who actually use this to quit smoking cigarettes.	Vaping used to quity smoking	While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.
Adam Deaton	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: The United Kingdom did a study on E cigarettes and they found out that E-cigarettes are 95% healthier than a traditional tobacco cigarette. 95% healthier but yet it's it's worse than a traditional cigarette. Everything that goes into the liquid for e-cigarette's is all safe to use. In fact the ingredients in E cigarettes you use daily and you don't even know it. Take for example your inhaler. Your inhaler has one of the ingredients found in e-cigarettes vegetable glycerin.	Safer than smoking	Most e-cigarettes deliver nicotine, which is highly addictive and can harm the developing brains of teens, kids and fetuses in women who vape while pregnant. Some types expose users to even more nicotine than traditional cigarettes. E-cigarette aerosol includes potentially harmful substances such as diacetyl (a chemical linked to a serious lung disease), cancer-causing chemicals (e.g., acetaldehyde in ecig aerosol), volatile organic compounds (VOCs such as benzene found in gasoline), and heavy metals (nickel, tin, lead.)

Karen Nichols	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Please do not ban flavored vape products. I have been tobacco free for 8years now and I can breathe so much better now. I have tried zyban and chantix to quit smoking with no success. Vaping is the only thing that helped me. If there is truly a concern for people's health,why would you want to force people back to cigarettes? And why risk kids health to tobacco, which is a known health risk? Please keep these products accessible to adults.	More effective to quit smoking	While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.
Camron Potter	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: These flavors help adults disassociate their nicotine needs from the smell and taste of cigarettes with something far more pleasant. Taking these flavors away from adults wouldn't just hurt the vape stores of michigan it would also hurt the many of adults that have been fighting to keep cigarettes out of their hands. On top of it communities that have grown from the small businesses that have come from the idea of say no more to cigarettes; these fine adults that have made these stores have done this for a great change not only in wealth but also in health.	Loss of business/job	As a department, we have taken into account all aspects of this permanent rule, including concerns by the business community. This measure does not ban e-cigarettes. Sellers can still sell flavors that mimic tobacco, unflavored products and 0% non-nicotine flavors flavored vaping products in Michigan as well as flavored nicotine vapor products outside of Michigan to adult customers. Vape shops and other tobacco retailers can continue to sell e-cigarette devices, and components. A report by Johns Hopkins University examined the economic impact of flavor bans for all tobacco products on tobacco retailers. The report found that a flavor ban
Stephen Moser	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: NO ONE that vapes legally is for underage smoking or vaping. We all agree that this needs to stop. However, what we don't agree with is with any sort of flavor ban. Want to crack down on underage vaping? Hit the stores that are selling to minors, mostly smaller gas stations and party stores. The sort of thing being discussed is similar to prohibition, and we all know how well that worked out. You don't ban a legal product because some unscrupulous businesspeople decide to break the law, you do something about those breaking said law.	Other	is mandated to "endeavor to prevent disease, prolong life, and promote the public health through ... prevention and control of diseases [and] health problems of particularly vulnerable groups," such as youth. MCL 333.2221(1). It is empowered under the Public Health Code to exercise authority and promulgate rules to safeguard the public health. MCL 333.2226(d). The Department may also promulgate emergency rules without following the notice and participation procedures required by sections 41, 42, and 48 of 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.241, MCL 24.242, and MCL 24.248 of the Michigan Compiled Laws in circumstances where a finding of

Tina Bommarito	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed: I have been smoking on and off for 20 plus years. Most recently I quit smoking using flavored vape products. I will continue to buy flavored nicotine through any means necessary as it is much cleaner healthier for my heart and lungs and it doesn't stain my teeth, make my hair and clothes smell and stick to the paint in my house.</p> <p>I believe that any adult person should have the freedom and rights to smoke whatever they choose, as it doesn't hurt anyone but themselves.</p>	Vaping used to quity smoking	<p>While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.</p>
Robert Stepro	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed: work a very physically demanding job. I used to smoke and it was making my job more difficult. I would be out of breath and hacking by the end of my shift every day. By switching to vaping, my lung capacity is stronger and my cough is gone. My last physical showed perfectly healthy lungs. The flavors keep me from going back to cigarettes and my wife enjoys that I no longer smell like an ashtray. I smell like a fruit basket.</p>	Vaping used to quity smoking	<p>While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.</p>

Judy Nash	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	<p>Support: • Apply the rule to all flavored vaping products AND all flavored tobacco products.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penalties for sale should be levied on the owner/operator of the retail establishment with no penalties on clerks or youth, and remove the provision that allows for jailtime. • Encourage the legislature to establish tobacco retail licensure, compliance checks, and enforcement for all tobacco retailers, including vape shops. 		Thank you, no comment
Matthew French	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed: Destroying this industry will harm more people than the relative few children you hope to protect. If you were serious about harm reduction, you would ban cigarettes and smokeless tobacco too. We all know you won't do anything to jeopardize your precious Master Settlement Agreement money. At least tell the people like me, who are almost paralyzed with fear at the thought of smoking again after all the effort and pain of quitting in the first place, that your attacks on vaping are only happening because of poor government budget planning.</p>	Other	<p>The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is mandated to “endeavor to prevent disease, prolong life, and promote the public health through ... prevention and control of diseases [and] health problems of particularly vulnerable groups,” such as youth. MCL 333.2221(1). It is empowered under the Public Health Code to exercise authority and promulgate rules to safeguard the public health. MCL 333.2226(d). The Department may also promulgate emergency rules without following the notice and participation procedures required by sections 41, 42, and 48 of 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.241, MCL 24.242, and MCL 24.248 of the Michigan Compiled Laws in circumstances where a finding of emergency is made. Our goal is to protect youth from the appealing flavors that draw them in to initiating use of -cigarettes.</p>
KamisOri89/Patrick K	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed: had my first coffee at 15 black no sugar no cream. Until I was 23 I drank coffee daily 2 sugar no cream. I started smoking at 16 in a year. I was a pack a day till I was 23 when I took up coffee to help cut the edge off the cravings. 26 I finally quit and switched to vaping. My parents warned me more about coffee back then than cigarettes. So since you want my opinion on this instead of blaming the companies that make products for adults. Look to the adults that don't educate the kids.</p>	Personal Story	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony has been documented.

Courtney Smith	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed: I switched to vaping in 2012. I used a Blueberry and menthol flavor to get off cigarettes. I started on 24mg of nicotine. I just made 8 years cigarette free. And in those 8 years I've had ZERO respiratory infections, ZERO cases of pneumonia and ZERO cases of bronchitis. Flavors are important to people to quit smoking, because it helps to disassociate from the flavor of cigarettes.</p> <p>Also, it's a shame that in the middle of a pandemic, with cases of COVID on the upswing, we're worried about taking adult rights away, and closing Michigan businesses. There are other, more pressing things to worry about right now than taking away adult rights from thousands and thousands of adults in Michigan. If flavors are banned in Michigan, I'll simply drive to the border and spend my money there to get what I need.</p>	Vaping used to quity smoking	<p>While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.</p>
Blake Bodenreider	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed: We don't ban coping mechanisms just because they're unhealthy.</p> <p>Using vaping products is how hundreds of thousands of us have quit smoking.</p> <p>Stop hurting businesses and let this particular one go. This looks like cherry-picking what is deemed "unhealthy", since flavored vodka, flavored alco-pop, etc. are still being sold. This ban will have no positive effect on youth vaping and negative effects on the businesses that sell these products. There is no data that shows this will have any effect on the very problem it's supposed to solve.</p>	Vaping used to quity smoking	<p>While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.</p>
Michigan Vape Shop Owners Org	n/a	Michigan Vape Shop Owners Org.	Opposed	Opposed: See Attached Comment		
Lindsey Stroud	n/a	Smoke-Free Alternatives Trade Association	Opposed	Opposed: See Attached Comment		

Brandon Hoaks	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: . Since switching I have not returned to cigarettes, and they have been a wonderful alternative to smoking. Please do not ban this product that has been shown to help people stop smoking. I believe this entire legislation started when people were dying from using THC pods, that had vitamin E in them, since those have been taken off the market there has not been any news of people dying from vaping. So with that in mind there is no safety reason to ban flavored vaping as the nicotine vapes were not the one's killing people.	Vaping used to quity smoking	using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used
Michelle Peterson	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: The thing that keeps me vaping and not smoking is the wonderful taste of my vape juice. My taste buds are healthy and cigarettes taste awful, and so does tobacco flavored vape juice. If I can't get the good fruit flavors I love to vape, I will seriously have to consider smoking again. I would have to in order to kill off my taste buds so I can handle the awful taste of tobacco. Please don't take this away from me. It has saved my life. Control youth accessibility, not adult choices. I seriously would hate to go back to cigarettes but I cannot tolerate the taste of tobacco and would have to do something to lessen the taste, even if that means I have to smoke cigarettes in order to get the nicotine my addiction longs for	Return to cigarettes if banned	An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking.
Jeremiah Hall	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: With the change over to Tobacco 21 less than one year ago, there hasn't been enough time to judge the impact and if that will truly lower youth vaping, however, the most recent CDC data from the National Youth Tobacco Survey does look quite promising. We're also seeing the lowest ever rates of youth smoking, I would imagine highly in part due to vaping, but, anyone choosing a much less harmful alternative should be considered a win by public health. Last time this flavor ban was enacted, I had a 74 year old woman crying in my store, hugging me, asking why her governor wanted her to go back to smoking and die? Vaping isn't just a fad, it is life saving technology that has the potential to positively impact billions around the world and all that banning will do is create a black market. Just look to other states with flavor bans, the unregulated black market is thriving, while stores shut down, people get laid off, and citizens take their tax dollars out of state to buy or simply go back to smoking and an early grave	Black Market	To date, we have not seen this play out in other jurisdictions who have removed flavored e-cigarettes. There is no evidence that flavor restrictions will lead to an illicit market. Tobacco companies have consistently claimed that there is a risk of an illicit market to discourage governments from implementing effective tobacco control measures, but we have seen no evidence of this. The tobacco industry makes similar claims about the creation of a black-market following tobacco tax increases, and study after study has shown that the industry's claims are overblown.

Jeremy Brovage	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: These outright bans on vaping products have one primary source. The tobacco companies. Until more studies on long term effects of these products are conducted, completely banning them will just drive tobacco use back up in our state. Further, the mix of harmful illegal vape products and legal ones has been conflated, and makes any action suspect as well Please know you have my support, but I beg of you to keep your eye on more important issues facing the health of michiganders.	Return to cigarettes if banned	An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking.
Ian Winklerprins/Vantage Security Systems	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I'm a 35 year old tax payer of the state of Michigan and a former cigarette smoker of 18 years. I started smoking cigarettes as a teen and the only thing that managed to get me to quit was using vaping, flavored vaping products. This proposed ban would affect thousands of people like myself and the amount of harm reduction is negligible, as we always see black markets thrive when subject become banned or over legislated. Teens will just return to smoking cigarettes, just as the tobacco lobbyists want.	Vaping used to quity smoking	While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.
Nathan Leaman	n/a	Michigan Distributors and Vendors Association	Opposed	Opposed: See Attached Comment		

Julie Palek	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Stop the assault on vape flavors for smokers trying to quit. Vaping is the only way to slowly lower nicotine and break the addiction and flavors help. Flavors make it impossible to go back to the terrible taste of cigarettes. This is saving lives! My husband and I quit smoking by vaping flavors and lowering the nicotine level until we were able to quit our nicotine addiction. Don't blame it on saving kids while allowing the same flavors to be sold in alcohol. Alcohol that does way more damage to both children and adults.	Vaping used to quity smoking	While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.
David Resowski	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Michigan's State government has done a great job responding to the Coronavirus with a mind towards science, facts, and logic. I think it is a shame that there is now a push to respond to concerns about vaping in an emotional way instead. At the very least the state government should commissions more studies to both determine how much of a problem youth vaping is and to determine if removing flavored vapes will make a difference.	Other	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony has been documented.
Richard Rodgers	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed.		
Jared Burkhart	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: Vaping has become a public health crisis in Michigan and across the country. Even worse, flavored e-cigarettes are targeting our young people and getting them hooked on tobacco. I support the "Protection of Youth from Nicotine Product Addiction" rule and support the state expanding the rule to all tobacco products. The United States Surgeon General has warned against the skyrocketing rates of vaping and called "e-cigarette use among youth an epidemic in the United States." A new generation of kids is becoming addicted to e-cigarettes every day, threatening decades of progress in reducing youth tobacco use. Now is the time to ban flavors in the state of Michigan.		Thank you, no comment

Kelsa Kazyak	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	<p>Support: Vaping has become a public health crisis in Michigan and across the country. Even worse, flavored e-cigarettes are targeting our young people and getting them hooked on tobacco. I support the "Protection of Youth from Nicotine Product Addiction" rule and support the state expanding the rule to all tobacco products.</p> <p>The United States Surgeon General has warned against the skyrocketing rates of vaping and called "e-cigarette use among youth an epidemic in the United States." A new generation of kids is becoming addicted to e-cigarettes every day, threatening decades of progress in reducing youth tobacco use. Now is the time to ban flavors in the state of Michigan.</p>		Thank you, no comment
Beth Swartz	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	<p>Support: Vaping has become a public health crisis in Michigan and across the country. Even worse, flavored e-cigarettes are targeting our young people and getting them hooked on tobacco. I support the "Protection of Youth from Nicotine Product Addiction" rule and support the state expanding the rule to all tobacco products.</p> <p>The United States Surgeon General has warned against the skyrocketing rates of vaping and called "e-cigarette use among youth an epidemic in the United States." A new generation of kids is becoming addicted to e-cigarettes every day, threatening decades of progress in reducing youth tobacco use. Now is the time to ban flavors in the state of Michigan.</p>		Thank you, no comment
Emily Rose Finkle	n/a	Genesee County Prevention Coalition	Support	Support: See Attached Comment		Thank you, no comment
Laurie Stevens	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed: I tend to favor the fruity flavors because they taste better than a cigarette. If those flavors were not available I fully believe that I would probably go back to smoking. Vaping has also been easier on my wallet. Kids will always find a way to get cigarettes or vapes because they think it's cool. Believe me, I always found a way. Don't punish the masses because of the few.</p>	Return to cigarettes if banned	<p>An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking.</p>

Krysta Young	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I was 13 years old when i picked up my first pack of cigarettes. I then smoked a pack a day until i was 18, ironically was the legal age to buy finally. But i wanted to quit, so i started vaping. My whole quality of life changed. My health was better, my hygiene was so much better. If you are going to ban flavors, please dont :(hold stores accountable!!!!!!! Punish kids again!! Dont punish the adults just trying their best not to smoke a nasty cigarette :(Vaping used to quity smoking	While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.
Liz Haworth-Hoeppner	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: Vaping has become a public health crisis in Michigan and across the country. Even worse, flavored e-cigarettes are targeting our young people and getting them hooked on tobacco. I support the "Protection of Youth from Nicotine Product Addiction" rule and support the state expanding the rule to all tobacco products. The United States Surgeon General has warned against the skyrocketing rates of vaping and called "e-cigarette use among youth an epidemic in the United States." A new generation of kids is becoming addicted to e-cigarettes every day, threatening decades of progress in reducing youth tobacco use. Now is the time to ban flavors in the state of Michigan.		Thank you, no comment
Michael Klein	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: Vaping has become a public health crisis in Michigan and across the country. Even worse, flavored e-cigarettes are targeting our young people and getting them hooked on tobacco. I support the "Protection of Youth from Nicotine Product Addiction" rule and support the state expanding the rule to all tobacco products. The United States Surgeon General has warned against the skyrocketing rates of vaping and called "e-cigarette use among youth an epidemic in the United States." A new generation of kids is becoming addicted to e-cigarettes every day, threatening decades of progress in reducing youth tobacco use. Now is the time to ban flavors in the state of Michigan.		Thank you, no comment

Joanne Schemahorn	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed: Vaping saved my life. I used a fruit punch flavor to quit smoking and then about six months later I quit vaping. It is already illegal for kids under 21 to purchase vaping products so don't pretend that this flavor ban is to "save" them. Youth vaping rates are down from last year. This isn't an "epidemic". Haven't we all learned what a real epidemic is after COVID-19? Don't condemn MI smokers to death to pretend to care about the children while you leave cigarettes on the market. Flavored vapes save adult lives. It certainly saved mine.</p>	Vaping used to quity smoking	<p>While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.</p>
Jeffrey Devries	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	<p>Support: Vaping has become a public health crisis in Michigan and across the country. Even worse, flavored e-cigarettes are targeting our young people and getting them hooked on tobacco. I support the "Protection of Youth from Nicotine Product Addiction" rule and support the state expanding the rule to all tobacco products.</p> <p>The United States Surgeon General has warned against the skyrocketing rates of vaping and called "e-cigarette use among youth an epidemic in the United States." A new generation of kids is becoming addicted to e-cigarettes every day, threatening decades of progress in reducing youth tobacco use. Now is the time to ban flavors in the state of Michigan.</p>		Thank you, no comment
Jim Harrington	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	<p>Support: Electronic Cigarettes are now an epidemic among youth under the age of 18. This has been primarily related to the flavorings and reduced harshness of the flavored products. The e-cigarette use has led to other forms of tobacco use such as cigarette use according to the Centers for Disease Control. The health impact on young people is still not completely known. Brain development, asthma are early health impacts.</p> <p>Rules to eliminate flavored products would protect youth. Keeping non flavored products would make them available to adults with reduced youth addiction.</p>		Thank you, no comment

Dr. Leanne Wisniewski	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	<p>Support: Vaping has become a public health crisis in Michigan and across the country. Even worse, flavored e-cigarettes are targeting our young people and getting them hooked on tobacco. I support the "Protection of Youth from Nicotine Product Addiction" rule and support the state expanding the rule to all tobacco products.</p> <p>The United States Surgeon General has warned against the skyrocketing rates of vaping and called "e-cigarette use among youth an epidemic in the United States." A new generation of kids is becoming addicted to e-cigarettes every day, threatening decades of progress in reducing youth tobacco use. Now is the time to ban flavors in the state of Michigan.</p>		Thank you, no comment
Sean Caron	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed: - This will cause economic harm to many small businesses in Michigan that have already been enforcing the existing prohibitions on the sale of nicotine products to minors. Many vape shops will be forced to close for lack of product and reduced customer traffic.</p> <p>- This will cause economic harm to the State of Michigan in the form of lost tax revenue by forcing the trade in flavored vape liquids over state lines, online, and into the black market.</p> <p>- This will harm thousands of adult former cigarette smokers who have been using vaping as a harm reduction device and smoking cessation aid and will find it more challenging to find parts and consumables for their vaporizers. Many may return to smoking cigarettes.</p> <p>- This has the potential to cause harm to consumers by opening the door to unsafe, untested black market vape liquids, people mixing their own improperly dosed moonshine vape liquids at home, etc.</p> <p>- Teens that want to consume nicotine are going to find a way to consume nicotine regardless. They will just as well use unflavored vape liquids, or smoke real cigarettes obtained through the same channels as time immemorial: older friends, stores known not to card for</p>	Other	<p>of this permanent rule, including concerns by the business community. This measure does not ban e-cigarettes. Sellers can still sell flavors that mimic tobacco, unflavored products and 0% non-nicotine flavors flavored vaping products in Michigan as well as flavored nicotine vapor products outside of Michigan to adult customers. Vape shops and other tobacco retailers can continue to sell e-cigarette devices, and components. A report by Johns Hopkins University examined the economic impact of flavor bans for all tobacco products on tobacco retailers. The report found that a flavor ban would have minimal impact on retailers. Trends show that most retailers do not rely on these products as their only or primary source of revenue and are able to adapt their product offerings. While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates</p>

Lisa Tar	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: This legislation seems to be poorly thought out. It is preventative legislation to "save the kids", when it turn it actively ignores the adults struggling with addiction. Is this another view of how addiction isn't considered by politicians, and those addicted to substances aren't worth the help and resources? If this is how legislation views those addicted to cigarettes, I am terrified of future legislation regarding homeless shelters, mental health resources, food programs, etc. This seems like a stepping stone to enforce the view that addiction doesn't deserve the help of the state, and I see this becoming a dangerous slippery slope. Phillip Morris, the large cigarette corporation, funds both their cigarette sales, and the stop smoking campaigns. They were also very much for the ban of vapes. The people making the cigarettes own every aspect of smoking, even the anti-smoking campaigns. If this ban goes through, it helps the company out due to increased sales and reduced competition. That's what happened last year.	Other	The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is mandated to "endeavor to prevent disease, prolong life, and promote the public health through ... prevention and control of diseases [and] health problems of particularly vulnerable groups," such as youth. MCL 333.2221(1). It is empowered under the Public Health Code to exercise authority and promulgate rules to safeguard the public health. MCL 333.2226(d). The Department may also promulgate emergency rules without following the notice and participation procedures required by sections 41, 42, and 48 of 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.241, MCL 24.242, and MCL 24.248 of the Michigan Compiled Laws in circumstances where a finding of emergency is made. Our goal is to protect youth from the appealing flavors that draw them in to initiating use of -cigarettes.
Sharon Davis	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Why would the state of Michigan want to take away what has helped me and thousands of others? I don't want anything that tastes like a cigarette, I want my fruit flavors. Shouldn't it be the parents responsibility to monitor their children, not the government. When my children were teenagers I knew what they were doing and who they were with. Is the state of Michigan saying that today's parents are not capable of doing the job I did? The age restriction is 21 and reputable vape shops don't sell to minors.	Other	Tobacco 21 does NOT address flavors. Tobacco 21 is helpful and makes it more difficult for youth to PURCHASE tobacco products, but flavors (nearly all current youth e-cigarette users use flavored e-cigarettes (82.9%)) are very appealing to kids and they're exposed and enticed by these products in social circles, where data shows this is a primary access point for initiation. Policies that prohibit sale are simply not enough. According to the 2018 Monitoring the Future Survey, more than 60% of 10th grade students say it is easy to get vaping devices and e-liquids
Shelby Withers	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Please do not ban such an important tool in quitting smoking, plain tobacco flavors taste horrible, no they dont taste like a cigarette, and some people including myself mint or menthol is equally unbearable, for me it's so bad that I use children's watermelon toothpaste. Without flavored vaping products I would still be smoking my way to the grave.	Vaping used to quity smoking	using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently
David Cobb	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: If the flavor ban goes back into effect myself alongside thousands of others who have chosen to replace cigarettes for flavored vape will be forced back to cigarettes	Return to cigarettes if banned	An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking.

Mary Wilson	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Please do not ban these types of products. Put more age restrictions on the products. If you want to ban something, ban tobacco. Or is it because the state's make too much off of tobacco products thru taxes, if so - tax the vap products more but please allow grown adults the choice.	Other	We are responding to the U.S. Surgeon General declaration that use of e-cigarettes by youth is a public health epidemic across the nation.
Rolando Hermiz	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Thanks to vaping I have completely quit smoking and I vape about half as much as I used to. I'm trying to get as healthy as possible, I feel better, I don't choke and hack, I can work out and run more than 10 feet, and I am/feel much healthier and happier than I was before I found this alternative. I would recommend anyone who smokes or thinks about quitting smoking should think about vaping and taking away flavors as an option is not only hurting an adults chances of quitting but it's doing them a great disservice. I would truly hate to have to go back to smoking	Vaping used to quity smoking	While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.
Kaley Stevens	n/a	individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I've been smoking for over ten years, the flavors helped me quit cigarettes and I'm slowly lowering my nicotine content with the end goal to quit all together.	Vaping used to quity smoking	While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.
Thomas Briant	n/a	National Association of Tobacco Outlets	Opposed	Opposed: See Attached Comment		

Cynthia Dudley	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	<p>Support: • Apply the rule to all flavored vaping products AND all flavored tobacco products.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penalties for sale should be levied on the owner/operator of the retail establishment with no penalties on clerks or youth, and remove the provision that allows for jailtime. • Encourage the legislature to establish tobacco retail licensure, compliance checks, and enforcement for all tobacco retailers, including vape shops. 		Thank you, no comment
Ellen Sugrue Hyman	n/a	Michigan Oral Health Coalition	Support	Support: See Attached Comment		Thank you, no comment
Andrea Zajac	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	<p>Support: • Apply the rule to all flavored vaping products AND all flavored tobacco products.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penalties for sale should be levied on the owner/operator of the retail establishment with no penalties on clerks or youth, and remove the provision that allows for jailtime. • Encourage the legislature to establish tobacco retail licensure, compliance checks, and enforcement for all tobacco retailers, including vape shops. 		Thank you, no comment
Melissa VerDuin	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	<p>Support: • Apply the rule to all flavored vaping products AND all flavored tobacco products.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penalties for sale should be levied on the owner/operator of the retail establishment with no penalties on clerks or youth, and remove the provision that allows for jailtime. • Encourage the legislature to establish tobacco retail licensure, compliance checks, and enforcement for all tobacco retailers, including vape shops. 		Thank you, no comment
Devin Gabany	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed: Many many teens began smoking cigarettes and then moved to vaping because not only does it taste better it's easier and more affordable and efficient. Less life threatening and cleaner. Why would someone try and ban something that's helped thousands of people to stop smoking cigarettes? When you get second hand smoke from a cigarette it's worse then actually picking up the cigarette. Vapes have NO second hand smoke, by the time it hits the air it's just vapor. Vaping helps me from picking up another cigarette as of many others. Why ban something that's been proven to help?</p>	More effective to quit smoking	<p>using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-</p>

Tim Borup	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	<p>Support: Vaping has become a public health crisis in Michigan and across the country. Even worse, flavored e-cigarettes are targeting our young people and getting them hooked on tobacco. I support the "Protection of Youth from Nicotine Product Addiction" rule and support the state expanding the rule to all tobacco products.</p> <p>The United States Surgeon General has warned against the skyrocketing rates of vaping and called "e-cigarette use among youth an epidemic in the United States." A new generation of kids is becoming addicted to e-cigarettes every day, threatening decades of progress in reducing youth tobacco use. Now is the time to ban flavors in the state of Michigan.</p>		Thank you, no comment
Sarah Brown	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	<p>Support: Vaping has become a public health crisis in Michigan and across the country. Even worse, flavored e-cigarettes are targeting our young people and getting them hooked on tobacco. I support the "Protection of Youth from Nicotine Product Addiction" rule and support the state expanding the rule to all tobacco products.</p> <p>The United States Surgeon General has warned against the skyrocketing rates of vaping and called "e-cigarette use among youth an epidemic in the United States." A new generation of kids is becoming addicted to e-cigarettes every day, threatening decades of progress in reducing youth tobacco use. Now is the time to ban flavors in the state of Michigan.</p>		Thank you, no comment

Gini Courter	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	<p>Support: Like many people, I began using nicotine as a young teenager. Then, as now, nicotine use was common in the LGBTQ community. I wanted to fit in with my friends who were mostly smokers, and the tobacco industry was marketing new brands specifically to young women. It took me years to quit using nicotine, and I only stopped after smoking had seriously compromised my health. While this outcome of my teenage decision to use nicotine was horrific for me, the outcome was good for the tobacco industry: I was a paying customer for 25 years.</p> <p>Vaping has an even easier entry point than smoking, with flavors aimed at young people, including mint/menthol as well as fruit flavors. When I talk to young friends who use e-cigarettes they tell me that vaping, unlike smoking, is harmless, or if there is a risk it is relatively low.</p> <p>To protect our young people, particularly those who are queer and/or people of color, I strongly encourage Michigan HHS to continue to ban all flavored vaping products, including mint/menthol.</p>		Thank you, no comment
Janet Peterson	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	<p>Support: • Apply the rule to all flavored vaping products AND all flavored tobacco products.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penalties for sale should be levied on the owner/operator of the retail establishment with no penalties on clerks or youth, and remove the provision that allows for jailtime. • Encourage the legislature to establish tobacco retail licensure, compliance checks, and enforcement for all tobacco retailers, including vape shops. 		Thank you, no comment

Melissa Moody	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I smoked cigarettes for 20 years and was able to quit. I almost went back during the pandemic but was grateful that vaping was an alternative to cigarette smoking. Please do not take that choice away.	Vaping used to quity smoking	<p>While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.</p>
Peter Osborne	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: PLEASE!! Leave my vape e-liquid alone. I stopped giving my money to the tobacco industry because smoking cigarettes was ruining my lungs. Vaping has been a real and effective way for me to quit smoking tobacco products. I have not had a tobacco cigarette in over six years thanks to vaping. I was smoking two packs of cigarettes a day and giving all that money to the tobacco industry	Vaping used to quity smoking	<p>While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.</p>

Kayla Hite	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I'm my personal Opinion I think banning flavored vape juice will make the cigarette sale so much higher. There is scientific proof showing that vaping is no where near as harmful as cigarettes, as long as you are using is the right way. Your going to have more lung cancer and failure cases if you get ride of what's helping people stop smoking actual cigarettes! It's already been shown when they banned it the first time, you should not punish the people it's helping because no one can keep teenagers hands off of them	Return to cigarettes if banned	An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking.
Brian Bruce	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I've not smoked cigarettes in almost 5 yrs now thanks to flavor vape e-liquids, I don't think it's right to take away from the adults people over 21 that buy these products that are flavored in stores.	Vaping used to quity smoking	While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.
Teresa Holtrop	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: Vaping has become a public health crisis in Michigan and across the country. Even worse, flavored e-cigarettes are targeting our young people and getting them hooked on tobacco. I support the "Protection of Youth from Nicotine Product Addiction" rule and support the state expanding the rule to all tobacco products. The United States Surgeon General has warned against the skyrocketing rates of vaping and called "e-cigarette use among youth an epidemic in the United States." A new generation of kids is becoming addicted to e-cigarettes every day, threatening decades of progress in reducing youth tobacco use. Now is the time to ban flavors in the state of Michigan		Thank you, no comment

Martin Jarbo	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed: If this passes I will be shutting down 2 stores that employ 7 individuals 2 landlords will lose a tenant. Just in sales tax a month the state of Michigan receives \$2500 to \$3500 from each store think about that just in sales tax when the ban happened back in October of 2019 we didn't do \$50 dollars in sales a day for 4 days straight. I Will probably end up on unemployment won't be able to feed my kids Public health New England vaping is 95 percent safer then cigarettes</p> <p>They have vape shops inside hospitals in Europe this is ridiculous to even consider this ban please think of the financial cost on the local economy we are struggling already</p>	Loss of business/job	<p>As a Department, we have taken into account all aspects of this permanent rule, including concerns by the business community. This measure does not ban e-cigarettes. Sellers can still sell flavors that mimic tobacco, unflavored products and 0% non-nicotine flavors flavored vaping products in Michigan as well as flavored nicotine vapor products outside of Michigan to adult customers. Vape shops and other tobacco retailers can continue to sell e-cigarette devices, and components. A report by Johns Hopkins University examined the economic impact of flavor bans for all tobacco products on tobacco retailers. The report found that a flavor ban would have minimal impact on retailers. Trends show that most retailers do not rely on these products as their only or primary source of revenue and are able to adapt their product offerings.</p>
Paul Zimmerman	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Vapping flavored liquid is important to me	Other	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony has been documented.
Josh Kluzak	n/a	Michigan Dental Association	Support	Support: See Attached Comment		Thank you, no comment
Jazmine Harvey	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	<p>Support: • Apply the rule to all flavored vaping products AND all flavored tobacco products.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penalties for sale should be levied on the owner/operator of the retail establishment with no penalties on clerks or youth, and remove the provision that allows for jailtime. • Encourage the legislature to establish tobacco retail licensure, compliance checks, and enforcement for all tobacco retailers, including vape shops 		Thank you, no comment
Robert Thomasson	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	<p>Support: • Apply the rule to all flavored vaping products AND all flavored tobacco products.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penalties for sale should be levied on the owner/operator of the retail establishment with no penalties on clerks or youth, and remove the provision that allows for jailtime. • Encourage the legislature to establish tobacco retail licensure, compliance checks, and enforcement for all tobacco retailers, including vape shops 		Thank you, no comment

Justin Barnes	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I used to smoke a pack of cigarettes a day. Now that I started vaping, I feel like i can breath again and im slowly weening myself off nicotine all together using a vape.	While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General’s Report states that “there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation.” Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was ‘very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.’ There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.
Abby Klug	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I oppose the flavor ban! Vaping has helped so many people to stop smoking. My mother was a huge smoker for 47 years, she went to vaping for 2 years and now she is smoke free completely. Smokers need the extra help and these products give them the help! Following through with this ban will ruin thousands of people including my family and myself! I oppose	While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General’s Report states that “there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation.” Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was ‘very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.’ There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.

Dr. Sarah Pasia	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	<p>Support: Vaping has become a public health crisis in Michigan and across the country. Even worse, flavored e-cigarettes are targeting our young people and getting them hooked on tobacco. I support the "Protection of Youth from Nicotine Product Addiction" rule and support the state expanding the rule to all tobacco products.</p> <p>The United States Surgeon General has warned against the skyrocketing rates of vaping and called "e-cigarette use among youth an epidemic in the United States." A new generation of kids is becoming addicted to e-cigarettes every day, threatening decades of progress in reducing youth tobacco use. Now is the time to ban flavors in the state of Michigan.</p> <p>As a Pediatrician, use addiction to e-cigarettes in young teens (primarily middle and early high school age) is an issue I'm seeing more and more. Kids are easily enticed and many become hooked at a young age. Prevention is really the only tool to help protect these young people. No one with children thinks it ok to market to children with flavored tobacco and marijuana products, so this should be an easy decision for anyone who cares for, and is willing to advocate for children.</p>		Thank you, no comment
Ann Schafer	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed: If I can't get in Mi, I will find it elsewhere as I can't go back to smoking. If kids want something they will find a way to get it. A flavor ban will not stop them either. Kids shouldn't drink but some find ways to get it. Alcohol is not banned. Everyone has things to help with stress and mine is vaping. Especially during this pandemic I am happy I don't smoke and can vape. That change from smoking to vaping has been the best thing for me. I am in excellent health, best ever for 63 years of age. Please do not put a ban on the flavors.</p>		We are only responding to the U.S. Surgeon General declaration that use of e-cigarettes by youth is a public health epidemic across the nation. The SG cited flavors as a main reason for this epidemic. These Administrative Rules do not address the issues of flavored marijuana and alcohol.
Kimberly Cooke	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	<p>Support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply the rule to all flavored vaping products AND all flavored tobacco products. Penalties for sale should be levied on the owner/operator of the retail establishment with no penalties on clerks or youth, and remove the provision that allows for jailtime. Encourage the legislature to establish tobacco retail licensure, compliance checks, and enforcement for all tobacco retailers, including vape shops. 		Thank you, no comment
Cloey McGhan	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed		

Shannon Kiley	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Vaping is also much less expensive. I was thrilled when he was fully vaping and you have destroyed small businesses in our community that he was supporting. It is truly disgusting. Let people live their lives. Stop babysitting and let us be free. Kids are ALWAYS going to find ways to do things they aren't allowed to. Bans do not change this if anything it makes people want it more. You are going to get more people sick because a black market will fill the gap and thats on you when kids die from garage vape juice.	Other	To date, we have not seen this play out in other jurisdictions who have removed flavored e-cigarettes. There is insufficient evidence that flavor restrictions will lead to an illicit market. Tobacco companies have consistently claimed that there is a risk of an illicit market to discourage governments from implementing effective tobacco control measures, but we have seen no evidence of this. The tobacco industry makes similar claims about the creation of a black-market following tobacco tax increases, and study after study has shown that the industry's claims are overblown
Kimberly Tregoning	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Personally, I do not support a ban of this product, I think it should be parents, businesses and law enforcement who deals with minors if they are vaping, but the rest of the adult population should not be limited products for that same goal. I support a mask mandate, because it is a health mandate for everyone, but this sort of ban is an effort to curb something much less problematic and takes from adults who would never buy the products minors but merely enjoy vaping cotton candy flavored e-cigs.	Other	Despite age restrictions, retailers continue to sell these products to minors. In the summer of 2018, the FDA's undercover enforcement efforts yielded over 1,300 warning letters and fines to brick-and-mortar and online retailers for illegally selling e-cigarettes to minors. According to FY2019 data, Michigan has a sale to minor violation rate of 10%. It should be noted that MI leads the nation in no sales orders which are given out by the FDA when, during compliance checks, sales are made to minors
Lindy Pop	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I feel like this flavor ban is just another way for corrupt politicians to line their pockets with big tobacco money. Juul the number one choice for young teens won't be affected but boy will all the little manufacturers that I buy from. Stop trying to take away healthier options for smokers. Make all nicotine products only able to be sold in smoke shops you have to be over 21 to even enter. That will lower youngster use. Stop helping the tobacco companies create a monopoly under the guise of save the children it is evil and unconstitutional. I will continue to donate to sue the state and spread the word of your misguided unconstitutional efforts.	Other	Tobacco 21 does NOT address flavors. Tobacco 21 is helpful and makes it more difficult for youth to PURCHASE tobacco products, but flavors (nearly all current youth e-cigarette users use flavored e-cigarettes (82.9%)) are very appealing to kids and they're exposed and enticed by these products in social circles, where data shows this is a primary access point for initiation. Policies that prohibit sale are simply not enough. According to the 2018 Monitoring the Future Survey, more than 60% of 10th grade students say it is easy to get vaping devices and e-liquids
cory Campeau	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I wasn't even intending on quitting, I just thought it'd be a fun additional method of intake for my nicotine habit. Within 2 weeks I had stopped smoking cigarettes. Three months after that I stopped vaping nicotine. If my only options had been tobacco flavored and menthol flavored I never would have been able to do it. That's like giving an alcoholic an alcohol free beer immediately after they quit drinking - it's just a constant reminder and reignites that temptation to go for the real thing instead. I haven't had a cigarette in years now - I've actually lost count, it doesn't even feel like I ever was a smoker. The benefit to public health of this smoking cessation device is great. Why can't nicotine vape product sales and possession just be more heavily enforced? We do it for alcohol, we do it for cannabis.		While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.

reiley Curran	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	<p>Support: I am writing in support for banning flavored vaping and tobacco products. I agree with Governor Whitmer that they pose a threat to public health by attracting youth. We know that most youth who vape report that they started with flavored products, and we know that tobacco and marijuana are addictive. Even the e-liquid that does not contain tobacco or marijuana can be harmful in the short term (and we don't even know about long term effects yet).</p> <p>I work with youth through the SRSly coalitions in Chelsea, Dexter, Manchester and Stockbridge. As they work to prevent substance abuse among their peers, they have expressed their frustration with vaping and the proliferation of this harmful and addictive drug over the past few years. One high school student reported his peers had a competition to see who could vape more pods in one period of gym class (the winner emptied 6 pods, the nicotine equivalent of smoking six packs of cigarettes in an hour). Another reported overhearing her classmates have long discussions of their favorite pod flavors.</p>		Thank you, no comment
Maham Akbar	n/a	Truth Initiative	Support	Support: See Attached Comment		Thank you, no comment
Amanda Ng	n/a	Washtenaw County Health Department	Support	Support: See Attached Comment		Thank you, no comment
Jere Johnston	n/a	Alpena Oil Company Inc	Opposed	Opposed: See Attached Comment		
Kimberly Singh	n/a	My Community Dental Centers	Support	Support: See Attached Comment		Thank you, no comment
J. Palek	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed:</p> <p>I am over 60 and finally found an easy way to quit smoking and it should not be denied to other smokers. We all know it has nothing to do with kids. Whitmer promotes drinking alcohol in the same flavors that she wants to ban in vapes!!!</p> <p>If anything kids will go back to smoking which is worse, or vaping homemade poison. It is already illegal for kids to vape, hurting adults will not change kids behaviors. Maybe it is time to make illegal activities not the fault of good people. Please stop the assault on adults and use some common sense.</p>		While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely
Paul Weisberger	n/a	Wild Bills Tobacco	Opposed	Opposed: See Attached Comment		
Jennifer Gorchow	n/a	Michigan Council for Maternal & Child Health	Support	Support: See Attached Comment		Thank you, no comment

Dr. Diane Vandermeer	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	<p>Support: Vaping has become a public health crisis in Michigan and across the country. Even worse, flavored e-cigarettes are targeting our young people and getting them hooked on tobacco. I support the "Protection of Youth from Nicotine Product Addiction" rule and support the state expanding the rule to all tobacco products.</p> <p>The United States Surgeon General has warned against the skyrocketing rates of vaping and called "e-cigarette use among youth an epidemic in the United States." A new generation of kids is becoming addicted to e-cigarettes every day, threatening decades of progress in reducing youth tobacco use. Now is the time to ban flavors in the state of Michigan</p>	Thank you, no comment
Jeremiah Vanos	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed: Kids have been experimenting with tobacco for decades, it shouldn't be surprising that they're experimenting with e-cigarettes in the 21st century. I've spoken with several kids ages 13 - 17 about vaping, in hopes that I might convince them to make better choices. All of them have said that kids at school vape because (1) it's trendy and they want to look cool, and (2) that they want a nicotine "buzz." Flavors don't matter to them AT ALL. Mark my words, a flavor ban will do nothing to combat underage vaping. Instead, it will create a public crisis of its own: smokers will continue to smoke, vapers will start smoking again, and illicit black market products will be everywhere (as we've seen in the headlines, these black market products can be deadly).</p> <p>There are already laws in place to prohibit minors from having access to these products. Enforce these laws. Please don't restrict access from responsible adults who are trying to distance themselves from deadly cigarettes</p>	To date, we have not seen this play out in other jurisdictions who have removed flavored e-cigarettes. There is insufficient evidence that flavor restrictions will lead to an illicit market. Tobacco companies have consistently claimed that there is a risk of an illicit market to discourage governments from implementing effective tobacco control measures, but we have seen no evidence of this. The tobacco industry makes similar claims about the creation of a black-market following tobacco tax increases, and study after study has shown that the industry's claims are overblown

Erik Foxall	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed: There are an estimated 400,000 adults in Michigan that rely on vaping to keep them from reverting to smoking cigarettes. Reverting to cigarettes not only negatively impacts their lives, but the health and well-being of their close friends and family members. Research has shown that vaping is at least 95% safer than smoking, and there is virtually no second hand "smoke" from vaping.</p> <p>If the state is going to punish responsible adult vapers because of the illegal actions of minors, then all flavored alcohol should also be banned. Vaping saved my life from the harmful effects of smoking. I urge all involved in this decision to think about the trickledown affects of this proposed ban. Aside from jeopardizing the health of 400k+ Michiganders, this ban would shut down a multi-million dollar industry in our state, primarily composed of small businesses, and put even more money back in the hands of big tobacco!</p>	<p>declaration that use of e-cigarettes by youth is a public health epidemic across the nation. The SG cited flavors as a main reason for this epidemic. These Administrative Rules do not address the issues of flavored marijuana and alcohol. As a Department, we have taken into account all aspects of this permanent rule, including concerns by the business community. This measure does not ban e-cigarettes. Sellers can still sell flavors that mimic tobacco, unflavored products and 0% non-nicotine flavors flavored vaping products in Michigan as well as flavored nicotine vapor products outside of Michigan to adult customers. Vape shops and other tobacco retailers can continue to sell e-cigarette devices, and components. A report by Johns Hopkins University examined the economic impact of flavor bans for all tobacco products on tobacco retailers. The report found that a flavor ban would have minimal impact on retailers. Trends show that most retailers do not rely on these products as their only or primary source of revenue and are able to adapt their product offerings. An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual</p>
Angelo Saxon	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed: Under the flavors ban, I was constantly at risk of running out of juice and being forced to buy a pack of cigarettes. It was only due to the help of friends letting me use their juice, as well as buying terribly overpriced unflavored juice, that I was able to not turn back to cigarettes. This ban disproportionately affects former adult smokers who will be forced to get creative or return to smoking cigarettes. Vaping is a harm reduction technique used by former smokers, not children. Smoking tobacco is a major health risk associated with disease, not only to the user but to those around them, and costs the health system Money. By vaping, former smokers are saving themselves and society from risk of disease and all the associated costs. Prohibition has never worked. Please do not ban flavors.</p>	<p>An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking</p>
Paul Haynor	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	<p>Support: • Apply the rule to all flavored vaping products AND all flavored tobacco products.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penalties for sale should be levied on the owner/operator of the retail establishment with no penalties on clerks or youth, and remove the provision that allows for jailtime. • Encourage the legislature to establish tobacco retail licensure, compliance checks, and enforcement for all tobacco retailers, including vape shops. 	<p>Thank you, no comment</p>

Wendy Biggs	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	<p>Support: A new generation of kids is becoming addicted to e-cigarettes every day, threatening decades of progress in reducing youth tobacco use.</p> <p>New federal policies enacted on Jan. 2, 2020 do not go far enough to protect Michigan youth. These policies do not prohibit menthol-flavored products, refillable pod systems or disposable e-cigarettes, and leave flavored e-liquids in every imaginable flavor widely available.</p> <p>The COVID-19 pandemic has emphasized the urgency in protecting lung health. Smoking greatly harms overall health and can increase the risk for harm and exacerbate respiratory infections, such as COVID-19. There is growing evidence that vaping can also harm lung health.</p>		Thank you, no comment
Minou Jones	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	<p>Support: It is critically important for laws to work for us. Parents have ENOUGH to worry about. CoVID has devastated our community and we know smoking and vaping is related to lung illness. According to the CDC 6 out of 10 youth who smoke use flavored vapes including menthol. Protect our kids. My dad has COPD and my grandmother died from emphysema. It's hard to watch him suffer. When I see kids using vapes it makes me think about my dad. He started smoking at 14. A time when there were no laws prohibiting smoking. It's up to us to protect the future fathers, grandfathers and grandmothers. I am in favor of prohibiting flavored tobacco products including menthol</p>		Thank you, no comment
Stacey Hettiger	n/a	Michigan State Medical Society	Support	Support: See Attached Comment		Thank you, no comment
Andrea Cascarilla	n/a	Michigan Dental Hygienists' Association	Support	Support: See Attached Comment		Thank you, no comment

Veronica Ellis	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: These kids buy them offline and they're sent in from countries that don't regulate whats going in them. THIS is what is making people sick, not vapes. I'm an American Adult, and I deserve to poison my lungs with whatever the hell I WANT just like everyone else before me. It helped me quit smoking, and I've only seen health benefits to this.		While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit
Minou Jones	n/a	Coalition for Urban Youth & Family Development.	Support	Support: We at CUYFD and the members of our community feel that the proposed rules for flavored tobacco are a step in the right direction. Strengthening the rules even more will provide MDHHS an opportunity to address non-vaping products and online sales. Truth Initiative's Young Adult Cohort Study found that 52% of new young adult smokers (18-34) initiated with menthol cigarettes. Initiation with menthol cigarettes was higher among black smokers (93.1%) compared to white smokers (43.9%).		Thank you, no comment
Jeremy Thomas	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: The reality-- Over ½ of queer youth are currently getting addicted to nicotine via vaping. The average age youth come out is 11-13, the very same age we first try tobacco. Over 80% of youth who vape use flavors. (aka More than 8 out of 10.) Flavors are things like Capn Crunch, Blue Lemonade, Starburst, ← do you think these are appealing to (mostly) middle aged cigarette smokers trying to quit or youth? Quit putting youth at risk. Stop Vaping NOW!!		Thank you, no comment
Zoe Harris	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support:The reality-- Over ½ of queer youth are currently getting addicted to nicotine via vaping. The average age youth come out is 11-13, the very same age we first try tobacco. Over 80% of youth who vape use flavors. (aka More than 8 out of 10.) Flavors are things like Capn Crunch, Blue Lemonade, Starburst, ← do you think these are appealing to (mostly) middle aged cigarette smokers trying to quit or youth? By offering so many unique and enticing flavors it encourages young people to form addictive habits!		Thank you, no comment

Chunnika Hodges	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: To whom it may concern, Did you know that. The tobacco industry would like folk to think vaping is about harm reduction and smoking cessation. They even have a nice website showing how vaping is the answer to the queer smoking disparity. The reality is that young folks are getting addicted to nicotine via vaping at rates the public health world has never before seen. LGBT Detroit supports the ban on vape flavoring and we challenge you to do the same! Say what you want, say what you like!		Thank you, no comment
Rhino Witch	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Please do not ban flavor nicotine. I am in favor of it being legal. Please stop criminalizing folks.	Other	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony has been documented.
Evan Killingsworth	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: I find the argument on vaping mostly a distraction to the real issue of tobacco addiction. Banning flavors really is just a bandaid to the problem. If real change is to be made then why not go after the tobacco industry as a whole. The ban on vapes hurt large number of new businesses in Detroit and accomplished nothing. Having a torrent of minor fixes waste money and does not last. Go after the big business or attach an age limit and leave it alone.		Thank you, no comment
Amber Umscheid	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: Due to overwhelming data against vaping for all, especially teens, especially LGBTQ teens, I would like to advocate that all flavors be banned in all tobacco products. There is no need to flavor tobacco. It sends the wrong message to teens and young adults when flavors are marketed to them. They are underage to purchase yet having health issues from smoking. Ban ALL flavors in tobacco.		Thank you, no comment
Donald Knickerbocker	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: Please stop the selling of flavored juices for vaping. They are being bought by teenagers. They are not focused on adults!! We have to save our children		Thank you, no comment
Jessica Embury	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: These overall levels of youth e-cigarette use are particularly concerning because using e-cigarettes puts them at risk for nicotine addiction and other health consequences. In particular, evidence shows that youth exposure to nicotine can adversely affect the developing adolescent brain and that, compared with non-users, youth who use e-cigarettes are more likely to try conventional cigarettes in the future.		Thank you, no comment

Beth Cofer	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I think the issue is not the flavored vapes, it is the illegal sales of the vape products that is causing an issue. Therefore, we we should not ban them, but instead inform people of the dangers of the "black market" sales of them.		To date, we have not seen this play out in other jurisdictions who have removed flavored e-cigarettes. There is insufficient evidence that flavor restrictions will lead to an illicit market. Tobacco companies have consistently claimed that there is a risk of an illicit market to discourage governments from implementing effective tobacco control measures, but we have seen no evidence of this. The tobacco industry makes similar claims about the creation of a black-market following tobacco tax increases, and study after study has shown that the industry's claims are overblown
Kali Stanton	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: I wanted to email you and let you know that I support the ban on flavored vapes. I have a lot of family experience with this and have paid close attention to the science involved.		Thank you, no comment
Christina Oliver	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: am asking you to ban flavored vapes as they are more appealing to children and young adults. I am a former smoker who started at 10 years old. This was when it was legal to buy cigarettes at 16, although my friends and I never got carded at any age. I wish that it would have been harder to stop smoking. It's a life long addiction and even though I have stopped, I'll probably always have the cravings. Please let's make it harder for your people to not use nicotine in any form. It's just not safe.		Thank you, no comment
Staci Brown	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: As a Mom, and a lifelong Michigan resident, I support the current Permanent Rulemaking Process and applaud the State for taking this step, but, I do hope that the State will consider the protection of all kids by expanding the Rule to include all products (not only nicotine vaping), all flavors and all locations to ensure these Rules protect all of Michigan's kids, not only those whose product preference is vaping. We must ensure that these Rules are culturally appropriate and achieve health equity.		Thank you, no comment
Calandra Jones	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Legislation proposed to ban vaping due to flavors is irresponsibly reductive. I don't have children, and this legislation punishes consumers for systemic outcomes to youth. At the end of the day, youth will do what they do in their wildness, and it's up to us to guide them towards a better future. Harm reduction starts in the home and legislation targeted towards better pay, corporate greed, school funding, mental health services, and healthcare would be a much better route than a "ban on flavors or vaping" which, to me, considering the harm guns have done to this country and still haven't been banned, is lazy legislation. Our kids deserve better, and I deserve the choice to enjoy products made for me.	Other	The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is mandated to "endeavor to prevent disease, prolong life, and promote the public health through ... prevention and control of diseases [and] health problems of particularly vulnerable groups," such as youth. MCL 333.2221(1). It is empowered under the Public Health Code to exercise authority and promulgate rules to safeguard the public health. MCL 333.2226(d). The Department may also promulgate emergency rules without following the notice and participation procedures required by sections 41, 42, and 48 of 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.241, MCL 24.242, and MCL 24.248 of the Michigan Compiled Laws in circumstances where a finding of emergency is made. Our goal is to protect youth from the appealing flavors that draw them in to initiating use of -cigarettes.

Ricci Cole	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I believe more information is needed before making a decision on vaping	Other	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony has been documented.
Luis Gutierrez	n/a	Pride Decides 2020	Support	Support: As a member of the LGBTQ+ community I am in support of banning flavored products. Oftentimes and in reality that I myself as a 19 year old in the city of detroit have witnesses, these products are being advertised to youth. Oftentimes I see in my local gas stations vape products being sold to minors without the need to show ID to prove age. Please lean towards banning these or at least putting restrictions on them!!		Thank you, no comment
Jonathan Gonzales (2)	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: Vaping is not good for your health. Vaping is also not a safe alternative from tobacco. (2) I believe candy flavored vapes lure children into addiction.		Thank you, no comment
Evalyn Yanna	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: Please outlaw flavors in vaping. Vaping is very harmful, and we should not be encouraging anyone to vape. Having flavored vapes just makes it more inviting, which makes it more dangerous. In fact - maybe you should put skunk flavor in it to help discourage people!		Thank you, no comment
Lorena Jimenez	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: My thoughts of Banning Vape Flavors is that I strongly agree with the ban. The reason that I agree is because having flavors can easily influence our youth into wanting to try vaping due to the flavors which are advertised.		Thank you, no comment
Sandy	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: I wanted to reach out regarding the ban of flavors in capes. I think vapes are awful and are a new way to sell tobacco to young people. BAN THE VAPE!!!!		Thank you, no comment
Missy Lee Johnson	n/a	Individual Capacity		Unknown: to who may it concern, i have gotten an email from Kali about the LGBT Detroit friend and family. i am also sending an email on how to get my \$50 gift card i think this is a great idea and cool.	Other	
Jennifer Rokakis	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: I support this ban on flavored vapes. I work in education and see young adults vaping in the hallways or bathrooms, even though they are underage. While administration tries to reprimand this, making vapes less appealing would help greatly. Banning flavored vapes would take away much of the incentive and "cool factor" for students and other young adults. Vaping can put their health at risk, and so we should be doing what we can to make vaping less appealing, by banning flavored vapes.		Thank you, no comment

Katie Sue Klages	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: DO NOT BELIEVE BANNING FLAVORED VAPES IS APPROPRIATE OR FAIR. ADULTS HAVE A RIGHT TO SMOKE WHATEVER THE HELL THEY WANT. THE REAL ISSUE IS WHY IS IT SO EASY FOR KIDS TO GET THEIR HANDS ON THIS SHIT. KIDS ARE GONNA SMOKE WHATEVER THEY WANNA SMOKE WEATHER IT'S BANNED OR NOT. WE ALL KNOW PROHIBITION OF ANY KIND NEVER WORKS. BETTER TO KNOW WHERE THE KIDS ARE GETTING STUFF AND WHATS IN IT THAN TO JUST BANN IT AND HAVE THEM BUYING STUFF FROM THE BLACK WEB		With this permanent rule, retailers may still sell e-cigarette products, including unflavored products, flavors that mimic tobacco and 0% non-nicotine flavored e-cigarettes to adults.
Anthony Martinez	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: As a member of LGBT Detroit Mobilization, I'm highly against the use of flavored tobacco products. These products have been tested by multiple sources with results claiming cancerous materials when consumed. We need more organic materials and flavors when it comes to anything consumed into our bodies and false advertising by these companies have been notorious in marketing models to include organic and natural flavors when it has been proven to be inaccurate.		Thank you, no comment
Stephanie Stender	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: Please, please consider banning. The vape and tobacco industry has specifically targeted the LGBTQIA youth.		Thank you, no comment
Chelsea Trull	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: Michigan has a choice to lead its residents towards health or towards illness. If we choose to regulate vape flavors, youths and other consumers of fruity/sweet vape juices will go outside of the state for their products, or quit using them. Creating a barrier to consumption will prevent some people from buying and furthering their addiction. In-state producers will find a way to innovate their product offerings without fruity/candy flavors. This could be good for both consumers and makers. The alternative is to wait until there's a federal ban on fruity/candy flavors, which may never occur. In the meantime, Michigan vape enthusiasts will continue to use and sell flavored products at the cost of the health of themselves and others. The long-term outcome of this decision is increased health insurance, Medicare, and Medicaid costs, for the benefit of a relatively small number of producers.		Thank you, no comment
Brent Tucker	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: Flavored vapes should be banned. They're harmful to the person smoking and it's too much smoke.		Thank you, no comment
Corey Beckwith	n/a	ACCESS Community Health & Research Center	Support	Support: See Attached Comment		Thank you, no comment

Chris Hilanto	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I have been slowly weening my self off of vape juice but I've tried patches, gum and even cold turkey and nothing has helped me more then vape products. I have tried tobacco flavor and or menthol instead of flavored E-juice and it is not enjoyable or helpful it makes you want to smoke regular tobacco products. My quality of life has been way better, I can breath smell and taste things much more than before. Hopefully this is the same sort of situations for many young adults who are in the same scenario as me. Banning flavors would ultimately cause more people to return to traditional tobacco products.		using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.
Eric Rule	n/a	Mister E Liquid	Opposed	Opposed: See Attached Comment		
Ashlie Kuehn	n/a	JUUL Labs	Opposed	Opposed: See Attached Comment.	Questions asked by JUUL have been	
Kaelyn Oneill	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: I believe that vapes pose to no harm to people as much as alcohol, opiates, and tobacco do. Cancer sucks but so does government's interfering in everything a person does.		We are only responding to the U.S. Surgeon General declaration that use of e-cigarettes by youth is a public health epidemic across the nation. The SG cited flavors as a main reason for this epidemic. These Administrative Rules do not address the issues of flavored marijuana and alcohol.
Cindy Bouma	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply the rule to all flavored vaping products AND all flavored tobacco products. • Penalties for sale should be levied on the owner/operator of the retail establishment with no penalties on clerks or youth, and remove the provision that allows for jailtime. • Encourage the legislature to establish tobacco retail licensure, compliance checks, and enforcement for all tobacco retailers, including vape shops. 		Thank you, no comment
Gregory Conley	n/a	American Vaping Association	Opposed	Opposed: See Attached Comment.		
Michael Rajewski	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: Not everyone is fooled by our Governors fake "concern." We recognize her desire to foist the mistakes of the state's financial mismanagement (certainly, not all of this was her creation/fault) upon the backs of vapers..... and likely with the cost of human life. Protection of Youth..... I suppose that sounds better than "we screwed up but want you to pay for it by smoking more cigarettes."		An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking.

Al Shifflett	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	<p>Support: • Apply the rule to all flavored vaping products AND all flavored tobacco products.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penalties for sale should be levied on the owner/operator of the retail establishment with no penalties on clerks or youth, and remove the provision that allows for jailtime. • Encourage the legislature to establish tobacco retail licensure, compliance checks, and enforcement for all tobacco retailers, including vape shops. 		Thank you, no comment
Deidre Butkus	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	<p>Support: • Apply the rule to all flavored vaping products AND all flavored tobacco products.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penalties for sale should be levied on the owner/operator of the retail establishment with no penalties on clerks or youth, and remove the provision that allows for jailtime. • Encourage the legislature to establish tobacco retail licensure, compliance checks, and enforcement for all tobacco retailers, including vape shops. 		Thank you, no comment
Robyn Nicholls	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Opposed: I believe the ban on the flavors of vaping e-cigarettes is unnecessary. It is the responsibility of the store clerk/owner and the parents to make sure that kids do not purchase the products. There are lots of things that have flavors. Many steps have been taken to keep kids away from those items. The same steps or measures need to be taken to keep kids away from these products as well.</p>		<p>Despite age restrictions, retailers continue to sell these products to minors. In the summer of 2018, the FDA's undercover enforcement efforts yielded over 1,300 warning letters and fines to brick-and-mortar and online retailers for illegally selling e-cigarettes to minors. According to FY2019 data, Michigan has a sale to minor violation rate of 10%. It should be noted that MI leads the nation in no sales orders which are given out by the FDA when, during compliance checks, sales are made to minors. More youth report buying e-cigarettes at a vape shop than from a gas station or convenience store (16.5% vs. 9.8%).</p>

Cynthia Stremba	n/a	Parents Against Vaping (PAVe)	Support	Support: Every day, more and more kids are becoming addicted to nicotine whose health risks are well documented. This year, teens are using these flavored products with more frequency than ever before, a sign of greater nicotine addiction that harms their developing brains and lungs. Every day there is more evidence that these products can cause cardiovascular harm. It infuriates us that Big Tobacco is making billions of dollars off the health of our kids. Flavored products with names like "unicorn poop" and "cotton candy" are developed solely with the intention of attracting children. Menthol, used by 37% of all youth who vape, was designed to impart a cooling and soothing sensation to mask the harshness of tobacco products. Menthol makes it easier for beginner smokers and kids to tolerate smoking. It's also harder to quit. This crisis is made even more urgent by the COVID pandemic. A recent Stanford study has shown that teens who vape are 5-7 times more likely to contract COVID.		Thank you, no comment
David Newman	n/a	The Michigan Primary Care Association	Support	Support: See Attached Comment		Thank you, no comment
Kaitlyn smith	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: As a Washtenaw County resident, I encounter a significant amount of college-age young adults who I have seen vaping in social setting with no regard for possible secondhand effects. The scent of these vapes, while not smelling like cigarette smoke, can still be irritating and possibly dangerous to other people. While banning flavored vapes is a good first step, I also believe further education and research is needed in the impacts of vaping.		Thank you, no comment
Candace McKnight	n/a	PAVe	Support	Support: Tobacco has used marketing practices and youth oriented social-media messages to make their products "cool". Kids who never would have touched cigarettes because of the health risks, fully embraced Big Tobacco's vaping messaging and unknowingly, are becoming a new generation of nicotine addicts		Thank you, no comment
Paul Steiner	n/a	Tobacco Free Michigan	Support	Support: See Attached Comment		Thank you, no comment
Dominic Schuler (AI)	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: I think that flavored nicotine vaporizers should be illegal. They appeal to minors and marketing of nicotine products needs to steer away from promoting nicotine consumption to minors, similarly to the way marketing cigarettes in ways that appealed to minors needed to change in the 90's/00's.		Thank you, no comment
Dave Hancox	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: See Attached Comment		
Judas Pantleon	n/a	Individual Capacity		Unknown: Hello, I think there should be more regulation on the types of flavors and what products they should be in.	Other	
Jared Burkhart	n/a	American Academy of Pediatrics	Support	Support: See Attached Comment		Thank you, no comment

Jodi Radke	n/a	Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids	Support	Support: See Attached Comment		Thank you, no comment
Robert Coughlin	n/a	Eby-Brown	Opposed	Opposed: See Attached Comment		
Amanda Holm	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over 80 percent of all teens AND adults who have used tobacco started with a flavored product. 70% of youth who use tobacco use flavored products, and 22% of young people who have used vaping products cite their attractive candy, mint and fruit flavors as a reason for using. People whose first use of tobacco is a flavored product have a higher rate of tobacco use a year later, and adults who started with flavored products also were likelier to still be smoking in a year. As a personal anecdote, I have three teenagers in high school this semester. They consistently say that, when they were attending in-person school, vaping of flavored products was pervasive in bathrooms and they found themselves exposed to it even though they were not interested in using 		Thank you, no comment
Mary Barwick	n/a	Reynolds American Inc.	Opposed	Opposed: See Attached Comments		
Jason Wood	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: But why should I talk about those issues? Because, let's face it, this is ultimately about politics - not health science. I find it incredibly frustrating that, during the same period of time our state is becoming well-known for following the science on coronavirus, we're being reactionary on vaping. I find it maddening that one company - JUUL, whose major stakeholder is Altria Group, formerly known as Philip Morris - has been responsible for a large part of youth uptake in vaping [3], and that instead of going after the (primarily) one bad actor, our state is taking such a heavy-handed approach. I find it unfathomable that options such as limiting the maximum nicotine strength, either altogether or outside of specialty shops, aggressive targeting of companies who market to youth, and even allowing the FDA's deeming regulations to come into full effect before putting additional laws into place, are all off the table. I understand the concern of youth vaping is worth addressing, but please take a look at what helps all Michiganders, especially those who are trying to quit, instead of caring more about scoring political points.		What we know about COVID-19 is that it is a respiratory illness. People of any age who have underlying medical conditions are at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19. There is growing evidence that e-cigarette use, or vaping, can negatively impact lung health, as seen in the E-cigarette, or Vaping, Associated Lung Injury (EVALI) outbreak. While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.
Amelia Ruby Howard	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: See Attached Comment		
Gabrielle Szienkier	n/a	Washtenaw County Medical Society	Support	Support: See Attached Comment		Thank you, no comment
Lindsey Stroud	n/a	Smoke-Free Alternatives Trade Association	Opposed	Opposed: See Attached Video Transcripts		

Alex Clark	n/a	Consumer Advocates for Smoke-free Alternatives Association	Opposed	Opposed: See Attached Comment		
Samantha Filmore	n/a	Heartland Institute	Opposed	Opposed: See Attached Comment		
Jim McDonald	n/a	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Opposed: See Attached Comment		
Guy Bentley	n/a	Reason Foundation	Opposed	Opposed: See Attached Comment		
Sonali Vashi	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	<p>Support: Vaping has become a public health crisis in Michigan and across the country. Even worse, flavored e-cigarettes are targeting our young people and getting them hooked on tobacco. I support the "Protection of Youth from Nicotine Product Addiction" rule and support the state expanding the rule to all tobacco products.</p> <p>The United States Surgeon General has warned against the skyrocketing rates of vaping and called "e-cigarette use among youth an epidemic in the United States." A new generation of kids is becoming addicted to e-cigarettes every day, threatening decades of progress in reducing youth tobacco use. Now is the time to ban flavors in the state of Michigan</p>		Thank you, no comment
Elizabeth Lottman	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: I feel that flavored vapes should be banned because they are tempting to children. I also think they encourage people to smoke more.		Thank you, no comment
Alexandria Berry	n/a	Individual Capacity	Support	Support: I think flavored vapes are potentially harmful to smoker's health because no one knows what chemicals they actually contain. I think they entice children and young adults and should be banned.		Thank you, no comment
ORAL TESTIMONY-TRANSCRIPT (WT)=Written Testimony	Transcript Page	Organization	Support/Opposed	Summary of Comments	DHHS Response	
"Cynthia"	3-4	PAVe	Support	I am proud and honored to spend every day with my school kids and my daughter is always been willing to share the title of my kids with every student I've ever had. Unfortunately, and sadly, they now share common problem: vaping the fruity flavors that infiltrated their school experience in creating an addiction that a time feels impossible to escape. High school is not easy for many students. Many paths are presented that can influence the direction of your future. Then into your teen years jumps watermelon, cherry, mango, but not the actual fruit vape flavors. The student now has been inducted into a new culture of rating flavors. Where to get the newest flavor, or how to find those hard to get flavors.		Thank you, no comment

Amanda Ng (WT)	5	Washtenaw County Health Department	Support	Limiting some flavors or other flavors and certain products only leads to young people switching the product or the flavor that they're using. We have seen this locally as youth have switched to using more disposable E-cigarettes as Juul flavors have been removed from the market. This is Michigan's chance to stop youth from using tobacco products to save lives and protect our children from an addiction to nicotine. We urge you to approve the current rules and to improve them by adding and expanding them to include all flavored tobacco products and also require on line sales to be shipped to a license retailer for age verification to eliminate youth access.		Thank you, no comment
Bridget Mullen	6	American Heart Association	Support	We support the rules, but we would also like to see the rules strengthened and for your consideration, we'd like to see the rules apply to all flavored vaping products and all flavored tobacco products. Also, for the penalties for sale, there are three primary areas that were interested in strengthening these rules. Well, the proposed rules should include language to address penalty for sale of all tobacco and E cigarette products without a license. We encourage the elimination of the term reseller as it's confusing and lacks definition for how it appropriately applies. Penalties for sale must be levied on the owner, operator of the retail establishment. We recommend that the penalty is only on the business owner. We do not support penalties on clerks or youth, and then we'd also like to see the removal of the provision that allows for jail time.		Thank you, no comment
Corey Beckwith (WT)	6-7	ACCESS	Support	I've worked in the tobacco prevention program at Access in Dearborn, MI. And it is a nerve you overdo that these flavors that are attracting young people to vaping be banned in the state of Michigan.		Thank you, no comment

Dave Hancox (WT)	7-10	RJ Reynolds/Individual	Opposed	<p>First, the rules are duplicative of a federal law which already limits the sales of any tobacco products to persons under the age of 21 and they exceed the federal law proposed because the rules outlaw the sales of those products to adults. Second, their unique among all states in the country as the types of products banned third. They are so broadly written that don't deprive your states residents access to tobacco and nicotine products deemed by the FDA to benefit the public health and also likely forced adult consumers of the band products to return to smoking traditional combustible cigarettes. Fourth, they seem dismissive of the damage in impact they'll have on small businesses who rely on the sale of these products to keep their doors open. And finally, they seem unconcerned about the already active black market for vaping products in your state.</p>		<p>(except for tobacco and menthol) in some prefilled pod or cartridge products, leaving countless flavored e-cigarette products widely available. Disposable flavored e-cigarettes, thousands of flavored e-liquids and popular open systems like Smok and Suorin, remain available. In addition, menthol and tobacco-flavored pods will remain widely available. New data show that youth quickly migrated to the flavored products that were exempt from the Administration's policy. In fact, despite the Administration's restrictions on the sale of certain flavored e-cigarettes, an increasing proportion of youth e-cigarette users reported using flavored products in 2020 (82.9%, up from 68.8% in 2019). Among high school current e-cigarette users, use of disposable e-cigarettes increased by 1,000% from 2019 to 2020 (from 2.4% to 26.5%), with the most commonly used flavor types of fruit (82.7%) and mint (51.9%).^[i] Additionally, 37% of youth e-cigarette users, including 44.5% of users of refillable cartridge systems like Juul, reported using menthol flavored products. As a Department, we have taken into account all aspects of this permanent rule, including concerns by the business community. This measure does not ban e-cigarettes. Sellers can still sell flavors that mimic tobacco, unflavored products and 0% non-nicotine flavors flavored vaping products in Michigan as well as flavored nicotine vapor products outside of Michigan to adult customers. Vape shops and other</p>
David Newman (WT)	11-12	Michigan Primary Care Association	Support	<p>[W]e are supportive as we view that this proposed policy goes above and beyond what the federal government laid out in their regulations under Tobacco 21. In particular, we are encouraged that this proposed policy prohibits the sale of tobacco products and or excuse me, vaping products, that contain menthol or other mint flavor type of products. We encourage that the proposed rule which strengthens the federal policies and remove when I had mentioned regarding menthol and mint flavored products.</p>		<p>Thank you, no comment</p>

Donna McCready	12-14	PAVe	Support	<p>People need to understand how quickly addictions happens. They need to understand how hard it is to break this addiction. People need to realize the negative effects of vaping is having on our children, both mentally and physically. Flavors draw children into vaping. The nicotine addicts them. And it keeps them coming back for more. The epidemic is not going away. As long as our kids are able to buy and sell flavor nicotine among each other, they will continue doing flavored nicotine. It doesn't matter that the age limit is 21 and over. Some of the kids are still getting it. They're getting these flavors, they're filling the cartridges, and they're reselling it to those that are not able to obtain the product. This is going to continue as long as flavors are availableThe only way to end this is to remove all flavored, all flavors. This is the only way. We need to stand up and we need to protect our children from this deadly habit.</p>		Thank you, no comment
Dr. Jared Burkhardt (WT)	15-16	American Academy of Pediatrics	Support	<p>We also strongly support the state expand this rule to prohibit all flavors in all tobacco products. Vaping has been increasingly becoming an epidemic in our high schools and now, unfortunately, our middle schools. The number of children coming into their pediatrician with nicotine addiction has been increasing exponentially over the last few years. This addiction is been so prevalent that there's, now teen sayings that the kids are Nic-sick. It's getting to the point where they're making up making up comments on how sick they are and how addicted they actually are to nicotine. 40% of our kids actually consider themselves frequent users of a products. Studies have shown that flavors increase team usage. The United States Surgeon General, Jerome Adams, who was nominated by President Trump and he's been in office since September of 2017, released an advisory on E-cigarette use among our youth and it stated, besides increasing the possibility of addiction and long-term harm to brain development and respiratory health, E-cigarette use may also lead to the use of regular cigarettes that can do even more damage to the body.</p>		Thank you, no comment

Erin Mills	16-17	Individual Capacity	Support	I think Michigan's opportunity here is to ban flavors. Menthol is the original flavor of nicotine addiction, and we have done so much to get away from that and to protect your kids. And this flavor ban would do with the FDA has not done, which is protect children from nicotine addiction. The loopholes that the FDA starting in 2009, 2016, 2020, those were all key opportunities to shut the door so kids would not have access to nicotine and, for whatever reason, lobbying at the, you know, and loopholes were created and that is the reason Juul came on the market and that is the reason now, and that was 2015-16. That is the reason that Puff Bar and now all of these copycat E cigarette companies, they've been able to come on the market.		Thank you, no comment
Jeremy Friedly	18	Individual Capacity	Opposed	I'm hearing a lot of how these minors were able to acquire these products well below the age that they are clearly allowed to purchase them. I don't see how a ban is going to prevent them from procuring them from other unscrupulous means or purchasing them out of state. The majority of the state lives in Southeast Michigan. That's not far from Ohio. And so unless Ohio and all the other states ban it, expect to see a lot of tax revenue and jobs pop up in Ohio as opposed to our state, so will just fall further behind and see other states infrastructure benefit from something that doesn't really stop the problem. I wouldn't expect in this day and age to see adults be able to purchase cannabis products, but not flavored E-cigarette or vape products.	other	The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is mandated to "endeavor to prevent disease, prolong life, and promote the public health through ... prevention and control of diseases [and] health problems of particularly vulnerable groups," such as youth. MCL 333.2221(1). It is empowered under the Public Health Code to exercise authority and promulgate rules to safeguard the public health. MCL 333.2226(d). The Department may also promulgate emergency rules without following the notice and participation procedures required by sections 41, 42, and 48 of 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.241, MCL 24.242, and MCL 24.248 of the Michigan Compiled Laws in circumstances where a finding of emergency is made. Our goal is to protect youth from the appealing flavors that draw them in to initiating use of -cigarettes.
"Patrick"	19	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Proper regulations of this needs to be in place. First of all, you can add tracking codes to all the URLs, all the barcodes from what store that came from and how they got them. Start tracking these things. I wish you could figure out what places selling them to minors. Target businesses with fines. Charge the adults with fines instead of dealing with the children. Education and information about this kind of stuff needs to be more implemented in public settings. Speaking to adults from the school about how to mandate, you know, addiction, and how to deal with addiction at home. Just as if you would do for some heroin uncle of yours or a brother who happens to love THC products.		The permanent rules would adopt the emergency rules with a few differences. First, the scope of products has been narrowed to cover only "flavored nicotine vapor products and no longer covers non-nicotine flavored products. Second, the transportation of flavored products would be allowed. Third, the rules provide penalties that increase incrementally based on the number of violations.

Ken Fletcher (WT)	20-21	American Lung Association	Support	<p>E-cigarettes are not safe and can cause irreversible lung damage in lung disease. They contain chemicals harmful to lung health when inhaled, such as heavy metals, carcinogens, vegetable glycerin, and propylene glycol. The developing lung of youth may be more at risk making what the Surgeon General refers to as a youth E-cigarette epidemic even more alarming...While overall cigarette sales have been declining, 91% of the decline is due to non-menthol cigarettes and proportion of smokers using menthol cigarettes has been increasing. In addition, over half of kids who smoke cigarettes used menthols. To exclude menthol cigarettes from this rule would create a two tiered system of public health inequity, disproportionately protecting predominantly white communities, where E-cigarettes are more popular, while banding in kids in predominantly black, Latino, and LGBTQ communities where menthol cigarettes are more popular</p>		Thank you, no comment
Noel Larkin	22-23	Karamanos Cancer Institute	Support	<p>I'm here today to speak out in support of the proposed ban on all flavors, including menthol, from the perspective of the LGBT community. So, youth are getting addicted to nicotine via vaping at unprecedented rates and rates of the public health world has never seen before. With risk behaviors, over a third of queer youth are currently getting addicted to nicotine via vaping and the average age that youth come out is, you know, around age 11 to age 13 and it's really the same age that they first would try tobacco...We know that LGBT and communities of color are as proportionately affected by tobacco, and this is especially true with flavored tobacco. Vaping is not the answer to the LGBT smoking disparity. It's about protecting youth and community members who are most impacted by the negative impacts of flavored tobacco. And I believe that many LGBT community members also understand, like myself, that banning flavors is a health equity and a social justice issue for us</p>		Thank you, no comment

Lindsey Stroud (WT)	23-25	Smoke Free Alternatives Trade Association	Opposed	<p>While we understand this use of age-restricted products is a laudable goal and we fully support that, banning flavors unfairly punishes adult smokers who have used vaping products long before the so-called youth vaping epidemic, as evidenced in these video testimonials that we have submitted. Not only are E-cigarettes a useful cessation tool, they are unlikely to exceed 5% of the harms of combustible cigarettes as noted by the Royal College of Physicians, which is the same agency that the United States relied on for its 1964 Surgeon General's report. We hope that the MDHHS takes consider, takes into consideration these video testimonials of adult smokers that are now vapors. As you will see, many of these individuals were unable to quit smoking until they started using flavored vaping products and it would be a shame for them to return to smoking as you're seeing and some of the testimonial, testimonies that were presented this earlier today about kids who no longer vapor now smoking.</p>		<p>While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.</p>
Stacey Gaussian	25-26	Truth Initiative	Support	<p>I'm here in support of Michigan's regulatory action. Prohibiting the sale of E-cigarettes would go a long way to end the youth E-cigarette epidemic. However, we strongly encourage the Michigan Department of Health to take this action even further to protect the states youth an extend this sales prohibition to flavors of all tobacco products, including menthol cigarettes. We know that nationally 3.2, 3.02 million high school students report current use of E-cigarettes and 22% of those report using E-cigarettes on a daily basis. In Michigan, 20.8% of high school students reported current use of E-cigarettes in 2019. That's simply far too many youth using these products that contain nicotine, which we know is harmful to the adolescent brain.</p>		Thank you, no comment

Paul Steiner (WT)	28-29	Tobacco Free Michigan	Support	<p>We believe that that banning vapor flavored vaping products in Michigan will have immediate and long- term effects, but these aren't enough. Um, as others have indicated, these, we would encourage the state to expand these rules to all flavored tobacco products. We know that over half of young adults start with menthols. They're generally considered less harsh on the throat, so they are easier to start, and these are specially targeted at minority communities where 93% of new African American youth start smoking with menthols. It's not a coincidence that the top five cigar brands used by teenagers all sell flavored cigars. And over half of smokeless tobacco sold is flavored...We would also encourage the state too strongly shut that down by requiring that all on line sales, which is where most youth are able to get it and studies have indicated that they can be successful up to 94% of the time, that online sales not be allowed to be shipped to homes but be shipped to a retailer where the retailer can then check the product to ensure compliance with these rules as well as age limits. We strongly urge the state to strengthen these rules by expanding them to all flavored tobacco. whether it's vaping, combustible, smokeless or any other form, as well as requiring that online sales go to a brick and mortar retailer and together these the proposed rules with those additions we believe will make an immediate and long lasting impact on the public</p>		Thank you, no comment
Dr. Robert Schirmer (WT)	29-31	Individual Capacity	Support	<p>The median frequency of use of cigarettes at the onset of nicotine dependence was two cigarettes, one day a week. And two third of teens report loss of autonomy over smoking prior to the onset of daily smoking. In addition, adolescents greater impulsivity and risk-taking leads them to discount the consequences of experimentation with nicotine delivery systems. As a result, adolescents who begin to use combustible tobacco are more likely to become dependent, to progress to tobacco, progressed to daily smoking, to continue to smoke into adulthood, to smoke for a greater number of years, and to smoke more heavily as adults. And you also heard adolescents are less responsive to smoking cessation therapies. This means that for some adolescents, their fate has been cast with their first few cigarettes, first few electronic nicotine delivery systems.</p>		Thank you, no comment

Shane Wisniewski	31-33	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Eliminating these flavors for the adults that need them is a detriment to the smokers in the state. It's also a detriment, which I haven't heard this yet, to the tens of thousands of workers that work in these vapor shops in the state of Michigan. Without flavored products, these shops will close down. And you could take a look at the places like New York for example. Jobs are just gone now because of what they've done to eliminate vapor products in that state. So, I, I've not paid. I'm just a regular person and I could tell you from the bottom of my heart that we need these flavors. As Lindsey mentioned, you know, these are, you know, 30, 50, 70-year-old adults that need these flavors. Now, children, um, I'm, you know, I don't care what you do, you could eliminate flavors. They're still going to use these products because it has nothing to do with flavors. It's to get the nicotine buzz from the product, just like they would with a cigarette, just like they would get a buzz with alcohol. Just like any, any other drug, or any other substance...So, eliminating flavors would do nothing but expose people to harmful black, black market products that are untested by the FDA because all these products that we've heard of today have been not approved by the FDA, per se, but these products are made in the same labs that doctors and scientists use to make medicine.</p>		<p>As a Department, we have taken into account all aspects of this permanent rule, including concerns by the business community. This measure does not ban e-cigarettes. Sellers can still sell flavors that mimic tobacco, unflavored products and 0% non-nicotine flavors flavored vaping products in Michigan as well as flavored nicotine vapor products outside of Michigan to adult customers. Vape shops and other tobacco retailers can continue to sell e-cigarette devices, and components.</p>
Kim Murray	36-38	Tobacco Harm Reduction for Life	Opposed	<p>History has taught us in the past that prohibition doesn't work. We learned in school for every action there's an equal, and opposite reaction, and nobody's having a conversation here about the unintended consequences of banning flavored vapor products. Not only are people not going to try to quit smoking, many are going to go back to smoking. And, as the numbers of kids who smoke go down as vapor products or bans, studies are showing that your smoking rates are going up. Kids aren't dying from vaping, they're dying from smoking, they're dying from alcohol, they're dying from texting and driving. There's all kinds of things our kids do that they shouldn't do. So how do we solve this problem? You can go online and find several products that can be installed in bathrooms. They are artificial intelligence. They will detect vapor, smoke, and the sounds of bullying and send notification to school officials. That would be one way to stop our kids. We need to educate our parents what these products are so the parents know what they look like, so they know what to watch for. We need to enforce age restrictions. The legal age is 21. If anyone under 21 is vaping, smoking, chewing, or drinking for that matter, they're breaking the law. Why are we punishing adults? Because children are breaking the law. Let's enforce the law. So, if it if a store sells an adult product to a Child, a lot of times the owner of the store or the</p>		<p>An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking. Tobacco 21 does NOT address flavors. Tobacco 21 is helpful and makes it more difficult for youth to PURCHASE tobacco products, but flavors (nearly all current youth e-cigarette users use flavored e-cigarettes (82.9%)) are very appealing to kids and they're exposed and enticed by these products in social circles, where data shows this is a primary access point for initiation. Policies that prohibit sale are simply not enough. According to the 2018 Monitoring the Future Survey, more than 60% of 10th grade students say it is easy to get vaping devices and e-liquids</p>

Shelly Bressler	38-40	PAVe	Support	<p>Vaping isn't something that just happens once these kids go to college. When they were in high school in Michigan, and all over the country, these kids were introduced to a product called Juul, and other E-cigarettes. Social media influencers and ad campaigns told them that these products were cool and were not harmful. These products were just flavored water vapor, they were told, and what really entice them and got them hooked were the cool flavors such as cotton candy, bubble gum, gummy bear, mango, and mint. They, these kids would get a little bit of a head rush from taking a pop without smelling like cigarette smoke or having their mouths feel like they licked an ashtray. And they got in the habit of passing the devices around often to taste the different flavors that their friends were vaping, which now also puts them even at a greater risk of testing positive for COVID. Thanks to years of education, countless public awareness campaigns, and groups that are working together as part of that Keep Michigan Kids Tobacco Free coalition in which PAV is a part, these teenagers are part of a generation that would never have ever started smoking, but now Big Tobacco, who owns Juul and number of the other E cigarette companies, have figured out how to get these kids as customers.</p>		Thank you, no comment
Guy Bentley (WT)	40-43	Reason Foundation	Opposed	<p>Now, many people have made comments that vaping is also a possible gateway to youth smoking. Fortunately, there is very little evidence to support this hypothesis. According to a study of 12,000 middle and high school students published in July of this year in the Journal of Nicotine and Tobacco Research, E-cigarette use does not appear to be associated with current and continued smoking, but instead the relationship between E-cigarette use and smoking is, quote, fully explained by shared risk factors, thus failing to support claims that E-cigarettes have a causal effect on concurrent conventional smoking among youth, end quote. And we see, indeed see this in Michigan, where youth smoking rates have dropped to their lowest level on record, even as there has been an increase in use making over the previous few years. Another study published in the Journal of Addiction, again in this year of April 2020, shows using data from the National Youth Tobacco survey shows that, quote, electronic cigarettes may have offset conventional smoking among US adolescents between 2010 and 2018 by maintaining the total nicotine use prevalence and diverting them from more conventional harmful smoking. It also must be noted that according to the latest data, very, very fortunate news from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, shows that this year youth vaping fell 28%. So, this does show that we can have large reductions in</p>	Other	<p>Even with the decline, e-cigarette use remains a public health crisis, with 3.6 million kids using e-cigarettes in 2020. Current use remains at about the same level as it was in 2018 when the U.S. Surgeon General first called youth e-cigarette use an "epidemic." Moreover, the percentage of youth who use e-cigarettes frequently has grown every year since 2015, an indicator of serious addiction</p>

Kim Price (WT)	45-46	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>If your rule proposal is enacted, you would contribute to an illegal black market where there is a steady supply of smuggled vapor tobacco products, including E-cigarettes. Many of these black-market products can contain unsafe and untested ingredients. Our government likes to ignore this information, but just last year the Mackinaw Center estimated nearly 21% of cigarettes in our state were smuggled here illegally. MDHSS should not enact a rule that would promote more crime in Michigan...Within the past year, the federal government raised the legal age to purchase for tobacco products to 21 years old. In January, the FDA finalized enforcement policy against unauthorized flavored E-cigarettes that appeal to children, including fruit and mint. In July, the FDA ordered the removal of fruity disposable vapes and on September 9th. 2020 manufacturers were required to submit their pre-market tobacco applications. Why not give these measures the chance to work before implementing a hasty statewide flavored nicotine ban?</p>		<p>To date, we have not seen this play out in other jurisdictions who have removed flavored e-cigarettes. There is insufficient evidence that flavor restrictions will lead to an illicit market. Tobacco companies have consistently claimed that there is a risk of an illicit market to discourage governments from implementing effective tobacco control measures, but we have seen no evidence of this. The tobacco industry makes similar claims about the creation of a black-market following tobacco tax increases, and study after study has shown that the industry's claims are overblown</p>
Meredith Berkman	48-50	PAVe	Support	<p>There is no cost benefit analysis in society between the public health of children and the blood money of a tobacco company like RJR Reynolds, a company, by the way, that is a huge player in the vaping market with wildly popular flavored Vuse Alto, that dropped its price to \$0.99 because, as they know better than anyone, kids are very price sensitive consumers. In fact, Vuse, again, owned by RJR Reynolds, the company that paid Mr. Hancox to speak, targets kids with rap music and wild colors and flavors on TV ads that show undulating vaporizers in wild colors, actually dancing to rap music. And in fact, RJR Reynolds is now having those marketing practices for Vuse, they're under investigation by a congressional subcommittee. So, while there is no proof labels are helping adults quit, they may use flavors, and want flavors, that there's no scientific evidence that these flavors helping them quit. There is proof that they are looking at our kids and would urge you to ban those flavored products.</p>		<p>Thank you, no comment</p>

Nancy Crawford	50-51	PAVe	Support	<p>And if that's not enough, our son was introduced to flavor vaping in high school. Now, at the age of 20, my son is a dual user, a flavored vape, and cigarettes. He wants to quit, but he's having a lot of difficulty. He has a smoker's cough that's getting worse every day and he's not feeling well. He's getting less active. I am worried. But just as Big Tobacco targeted my extended family by marketing cigarettes to me, my siblings, and cousins when we were young, they are targeting our youth right now with flavored E-cigarettes and flavored vaping products. Nationwide, four out of five kids who used tobacco started with flavored products. They are using their same old playbook, updated for a new generation. They use deceptive social media marketing to downplay the risks. High tech products that are stealth by design and they lure kids in right under their parent's noses with sweet fruity flavors and minty menthol to mask the harsh taste of nicotine salts that vaping companies use to deliver enormous and more potent amounts of nicotine to entice kids to pick up a deadly habit. Please take all flavored tobacco products off the shelves that harm our Monte-, our Michigan kids.</p>		Thank you, no comment
Clifford Douglas	52-54	Individual Capacity	Support	<p>While eliminating underage vaping, we must not increase adult cigarette smoking. It remains the leading preventable cause of death in our society. It takes the lives of nearly half a million adult smokers every year, and we shouldn't inadvertently incentivize youth potentially to switch to smoking mentholated cigarettes in the event they can no longer obtain flavored vaping products, are hooked on nicotine and are not quitting immediately. Some of my colleagues have noted this and they are right. We should take aggressive steps to prevent youth initiation while advancing the broader goal of eliminating combustible tobacco use. , let me just finish with these few words. Against this backdrop, our state and the nation as a whole must stay focused on ending smoking by furthering evidence-based interventions such as maximizing access to and utilization of FDA approved cessation medications and counseling. Those adults who smoke need good options that they can get cheaply. We should be increasing tobacco product taxes, expanding and enforcing clean indoor air policies, enforcing Tobacco 21, and robustly funding counter marketing and cessation coverage as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Funding for such efforts has for decades, sadly, wallowed near the bottom in Michigan compared to other states, as we all know, which undoubtedly leads to higher smoking prevalence and higher health care and</p>		Thank you, no comment

Anne Switala	54-56	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Those flavors that we sell, we stock in our store over 100 flavors. We've never marketed them to children. We don't have cartoon characters on our product, and this makes up most of the vape industry. There's a simple solution, treat it like alcohol, enforce the law, slap my hand, but also give me a fine if I sell to youth. And also, the major players, bad players, that are selling to youth are the C stores in this country. Convenience stores, tobacco stores, gas stations, 7-11s, and the like. That's all, that's all documented right on the FDA site in the warning letters. Vape shops have not. Only about 5% of the warning later-, label warning letters are due to [unintelligible]. So, a simple solution would be to take the flavored pod systems and pre-filled out of the C stores and leave it in the vape shops where adults only use it. We have age verification in our store. We practice selling only to adults. I'm 64. I come from a family of smokers. And I want this product available for my grandchildren if they ever smoke. I don't want youth to use this product, it's not designed for them. It's not made for them.</p>		<p>We are only responding to the U.S. Surgeon General declaration that use of e-cigarettes by youth is a public health epidemic across the nation. The SG cited flavors as a main reason for this epidemic. These Administrative Rules do not address the issues of flavored marijuana and alcohol.</p>
Dr. Scout	56-59	National LGBT Cancer Network	Support	<p>To be clear, monitoring our future is a long term survey that talks about public health risks and in the 40 years at that survey has existed, it has never seen a spike in health risks in the US population like it has seen related to vaping. The change in vaping in this country right now is more of a logarithmic scale as far as how quickly it is heading up. And as someone who represents and talks about LGBTQ people who are using tobacco and nicotine products and things like that years ago, I used to say that we had a disparity where we were smoking cigarettes at rates that were 60% higher than the general population. That's what we saw from surveillance evidence. Over the years that started to drop. It started to be 50% and then it was 40%. Still profound, still a big problem for our communities, but at least it was moving downwards. Unfortunately, I'm here to say now it's moving back up again. Why? Because we're not just measuring cigarette use now, we're measuring vaping as well. So, now I have to say that we're using tobacco products that are rates that are not 40%, but again up to 50% higher than the general populace...Another thing that tobacco industry rep brought up earlier, this is also banned at a federal level, and that's not true. It is only banned for E-cigarettes, and menthol is not included, which is particularly important as menthol disproportionately hits the Latin X populations, the African American populations in the LGBTQ plus communities as well.</p>		<p>Thank you, no comment</p>

Jim McDonald (WT)	60-61,	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>Vaping is a consumer product, not a medical one. But despite not being designed or sold as a medical therapy, a 2019 randomized controlled trial published in the New England Journal of Medicine found vaping twice as effective as pharmaceutical nicotine products as a quit smoking aid. This was confirmed by a recent Cochrane review. The most recent survey that asked teenage users about flavors, the 2019 National Youth Tobacco survey, found that just 22% of middle and high school students listed flavors as a reason that they vaped. The most common reason at 56% was curiosity...If a flavor ban is implemented, adult only vape shops which sell FDA regulated products will close and be replaced by a messy black market. There will be no manufacturing or ingredient standards and no state or federal age compliance checks. E-liquid is easy to make. I know, I make it myself. The ingredients are widely available. It will be impossible to control in an underground market. If the state thinks the complete ban on vaping unflavored vaping products is the only way to prevent underage use, it's admitting a complete inability to enforce minimum age laws.</p>		<p>While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.</p>
Alex Clark (WT)	62-64	Consumer Advocates for Smoke Free Alternatives Association	Opposed	<p>as consumers develop, these products actually made the ground fertile for other for bigger companies to start introducing their own products, which by the way are not particularly special or necessarily more enjoyable, they are an alternative. People enjoy them as opposed to smoking, and they are ideally sold in the same places where cigarettes are sold. By taking this upon ourselves to improve and innovate the products we have, in a sense we democratized nicotine. We're no longer reliant upon cigarette manufacturers or pharmaceutical companies to access this drug. It is still very easy for people to, as Jim pointed out, make these products at home, order all of the supplies that they need, and continue living smoke free. The concern is not that people will be doing this at home, the concern is careless or greedy people who will scale up operations to meet the new demand. The lung injury cases that we saw last year are prime example of what happened in an underground, unregulated market. There, there are no standards in an underground market. There is no motivation to follow safety protocols, it's just an added expense. And there's no accountability for when people do receive bad or tainted products.</p>		<p>To date, we have not seen this play out in other jurisdictions who have removed flavored e-cigarettes. There is insufficient evidence that flavor restrictions will lead to an illicit market. Tobacco companies have consistently claimed that there is a risk of an illicit market to discourage governments from implementing effective tobacco control measures, but we have seen no evidence of this. The tobacco industry makes similar claims about the creation of a black-market following tobacco tax increases, and study after study has shown that the industry's claims are overblown</p>

Lloyd Patton	64-66	Michigan Vape Shop Owners Association	Opposed	<p>These proposed rules, um, are not constitutionally authoritative to impose a rule because it is bypassing the legislative function. ...I'd like to cover one other fine point that a lot of this, nobody in this hearing and stuff, even thinks about and that's the MSA agreement. Back in 1998, the MSA agreement was formed between the States and the Big Tobacco companies. They agreed to pay each state a yearly supplemental payment based on the number of cigarettes that they sell in each state. OK? So, the state itself imposes sin tax on every pack of cigarettes in the amount of \$2 per pack of cigarettes or 32%. So, the state already collects \$800 million in sin tax. OK? On top of that they receive an additional approximately \$400 million from the master settlement agreement. That equates to \$1.2 billion in income to the State. Does the state use this money to appropriately fund and pay for tobacco awareness? Youth prevention? The CDC recommends spending at least 10% of that money acquired by the taxes and by the master settlement agreement. Last year in 2019, the state only, only spent \$1.6 million on Youth Prevention. That's less than 10% of 1% of the money that they collected. Where is the rest of that money going? Is it used to take and prevent youth prevention? The MVSO is in full support of preventing youth from getting ahold of this product. That's why we have the laws that we have. The state is not using that collected money to pay for um, taking in</p>	<p>The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is mandated to "endeavor to prevent disease, prolong life, and promote the public health through ... prevention and control of diseases [and] health problems of particularly vulnerable groups," such as youth. MCL 333.2221(1). It is empowered under the Public Health Code to exercise authority and promulgate rules to safeguard the public health. MCL 333.2226(d). The Department may also promulgate emergency rules without following the notice and participation procedures required by sections 41, 42, and 48 of 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.241, MCL 24.242, and MCL 24.248 of the Michigan Compiled Laws in circumstances where a finding of emergency is made. Our goal is to protect youth from the appealing flavors that draw them in to initiating use of -cigarettes.</p>
Michael Meade	66-67	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>I am a vape shop owner here in the state of Michigan and I want to make it clear that we scan check every ID that comes into our facility. And we control, you know, not allowing straw sales. And I've been, I've caught it and I've thrown people out of my. my facility in the past because I can see somebody standing outside of the window and such of that matter. I also would like you to know that I have a very large customer base. I've heard a lot of people talking about the LGBL-, LBGQT community. I have a very large customer base of that community... I want accountability for youth vaping. I want youth to be held accountable. I want the parents to be held accountable. I want the, the facility who sold the product to be held accountable. I am tired of being the whipping boy for the faults of others. They want to take this product to save my life away from me and make me the whipping boy for the faults of others, and I'm, and I'm over that.</p>	<p>Despite age restrictions, retailers continue to sell these products to minors. In the summer of 2018, the FDA's undercover enforcement efforts yielded over 1,300 warning letters and fines to brick-and-mortar and online retailers for illegally selling e-cigarettes to minors. According to FY2019 data, Michigan has a sale to minor violation rate of 10%. It should be noted that MI leads the nation in no sales orders which are given out by the FDA when, during compliance checks, sales are made to minors. More youth report buying e-cigarettes at a vape shop than from a gas station or convenience store (16.5% vs. 9.8%)</p>

Gabrielle Szchlenkler	67-68	Washtenaw County Medical Society	Support	<p>The most recent 2018 data from the Michigan profile for healthy youth for Washtenaw County reports that nearly 20% of 9th through 11th graders used E-cigarettes, and that number has likely grown over the past two years. Washtenaw teens' usage is higher than Michigan's overall value by nearly 5% and shows a growth of 11% since the last available statistics. We know that time is of the essence, particularly in this COVID-19 pandemic, when we should all be protecting lung health. Kids like flavors. Flavors are an attractive gateway and flavors increase long-term smoking rates...WCMS strongly urges MDHHS to both approve the rules as currently proposed, and work to improve them by banning all flavored tobacco products and requiring online sales to be shipped to a licensed retailer for age verification. WCMS will be submitting written comments. We welcome the opportunity to work together to develop reasonable solutions in pursuit of our mutual goal of optimizing patients help and community safety.</p>		Thank you, no comment
Lori Switala	69	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>If they are OK with regulating alcohol, and they think their system is, is it, and they are OK with the regulations that they put on marijuana and they think that's great, that's it, then what's wrong with Michigan? Why can't they accept the regulations, especially that the FDA has put in place with us? If the FDA is running this and saying it's OK, what's wrong with Michigan? ...I think they should take candy away from all of the registered store because it causes youth obesity and diabetes. I think they should remove flavored alcohol because after all bubble gum flavored vodka and sloe gin are teenagers' favorites. So, if we're going to go the route were pulling flavors off of our E-Cigs us adults use then they need to do the same thing for candy and alcohol.</p>		<p>Since 2009, FDA has had the authority to regulate e-cigarettes. So far, federal actions have left a variety of flavored products on the market, leading to a huge uptick in youth use of these products, leading the U.S. Surgeon General to declare youth e-cigarette use a public health epidemic. Further, the U.S. Surgeon General declared that states have a responsibility to act; states and locals have the authority to act.</p>

Gregory Conley (WT)	71-72	American Vaping Association	Opposed	As a preliminary matter, we do not believe this unelected body has the authority to ban an adult consumer product from being sold. Michigan residents elect lawmakers to make laws, not bureaucrats. For that reason, even if you as a member of this panel believe that banning flavors is smart policy solution, we respectfully urge you to vote no and instead run for a state house or state Senate seat two years from now on, a platform of enacting a legislative ban on these products...In the near future, the FDA is going to make decisions on what are known as PMTAs, premarket tobacco applications. The standard the FDA will use is judging all of the evidence [unintelligible] individual product [unintelligible] population level health so very, in the very near future you could have products that the FDA says are appropriate for the protection of public health, yet they'll still be banned in Michigan, while Marlboros will continue to be available for sale.	The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is mandated to "endeavor to prevent disease, prolong life, and promote the public health through ... prevention and control of diseases [and] health problems of particularly vulnerable groups," such as youth. MCL 333.2221(1). It is empowered under the Public Health Code to exercise authority and promulgate rules to safeguard the public health. MCL 333.2226(d). The Department may also promulgate emergency rules without following the notice and participation procedures required by sections 41, 42, and 48 of 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.241, MCL 24.242, and MCL 24.248 of the Michigan Compiled Laws in circumstances where a finding of emergency is made. Our goal is to protect youth from the appealing flavors that draw them in to initiating use of -cigarettes.
Lisa Chambers	73	PAVe	Support	Teens vape at school, in class, when the teacher isn't looking. Flavors draw kids into vaping and the nicotine addicts them and keeps them coming back for more. Menthol and candy flavors entice kids to pick up a deadly habit. Please, let teens know we adults care about them and don't want them vaping by taking all flavored tobacco products off the shelves.	Thank you, no comment
Anne Switala	74	Individual Capacity	Opposed	The very variety of the flavors is instrumental to having so many adults be successful getting off cigarettes. Many do not want a tobacco flavor because they don't want to be reminded of what they're leaving behind. Many do, but not enough...We will, I'm convinced, if we only have tobacco available for our guests, for our ex-smokers, I believe our success rate will drop to that of Nicorette or Chantix. Look at the six-month rating on Chantix. It drops significantly because people go back to smoking	While there are surveys showing that many adults enjoy using flavored products, and anecdotal reports of smokers who say flavored e-cigarettes helped them quit, there is no evidence that smokers could not have quit without non-tobacco flavors. There have been no single randomized controlled trials to assess the impact of flavored vs. non-flavored or tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes on smoking cessation outcomes. The 2020 Surgeon General's Report states that "there is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation." Moreover, FDA cited studies finding that cigarette smokers who also used e-cigarettes had statistically significantly worse quit rates than those cigarette smokers who did not use e-cigarettes. A recent study pointed out that it was 'very clear that the participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were less likely to be tobacco-free, largely because many of those who had quit smoking cigarettes were still using e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine.' There are 7 FDA approved medications to help users quit safely.

Shane Wisnewski	76-77	Individual Capacity	Opposed	So those people are the ones, the responsible ones, that are doing things right unlike convenience stores, and 7-11s, and gas stations that will sell to anyone and anyone and they don't care because it's a minimum fine. So, instead of trying to ban something, because of studies have shown prohibition doesn't work, why don't we work on laws that have stricter penalties for these convenience stores and these bad players in this game that are contributing to these minors use. And I also heard something from some parents of teens who use these products. What were the parents doing to prevent their children from using these products? It seems like there's no, there is no action from them, but to try to ban these products instead of having adult conversations with their children just like they would about drugs or anything else and make it known that these products are for adults only.	Other	Thank you for your comment. Your testimony has been documented.
Amelia Howard (WT)	77-80	Individual Capacity	Opposed	This market does not target youth. It emerged to meet the demands of early adult users who wanted to switch away from smoking and grew along with this demand. Calls to ban flavor ignore this context and rely on a myth that flavors are little more than an industry marketing tactic aimed at luring youth to nicotine addiction via E-cigarettes. This myth is an appeal to seeming common sense that discourages us from questioning its flawed basis. This myth is believable because it's intuitive. It targets our natural emotional concern for kids and exploits the fact that most people know little about vaping or the role of flavors and [unintelligible] central important public [unintelligible]...While national surveys of youth do show that youth experiment with flavors, these surveys should not be interpreted as evidence that flavors are the main driver of youth vaping. These surveys certainly do not offer anything in the way of evidence that flavors are especially popular with youth as opposed to adults. Instead, what youth report on these surveys is quite likely a reflection of what is popular overall. Given the morally and politically charged contacts of the E cigarette debate and the genuinely concerning recent epidemic of lung poisoning believed to be caused by contaminants in illicit THC oil cartridges and not nicotine vaping products that are targeted by this ban, it is easy to forget the big picture and then enact laws that, while well intentioned, end up causing	Other	The adult rate of e-cigarette use is 6.1% in Michigan (2018) whereas the youth rates in Michigan are much higher at 20.8% in 2019 YRBS (MI). In 2020, the National Youth Tobacco Survey shows current youth e-cigarette use rate is 19.6% and 82.9% of kids use flavored e-cigarettes. So, there are many fewer adults who are using e-cigarettes than kids. New data show that youth quickly migrated to the flavored products that were exempt from the Administration's policy. In fact, despite the Administration's restrictions on the sale of certain flavored e-cigarettes, an <i>increasing</i> proportion of youth e-cigarette users reported using flavored products in 2020 (82.9%, up from 68.8% in 2019). Among high school current e-cigarette users, use of disposable e-cigarettes increased by 1,000% from 2019 to 2020 (from 2.4% to 26.5%), with the most commonly used flavor types of fruit (82.7%) and mint (51.9%)

"Clare"	80-81	Individual Capacity	Support	I would just like to say that I work with a lot of teens in very, various capacities. I know how hard it is for them to quit using vaping products once they've started. I look at the epidemic proportions of what we're seeing our youth go through right now, and I think that if we don't take a serious look at all of the data that's being thrown around and not say OK, common sense tells us if we have this many problems with these many kids becoming addicted to vaping products, that we have to look at a different solution. There's a lot of confusion out there I think with the general public and with the youth, and I think that they're looking at decisions that lawmakers and policy makers are making right now to say whether a product is in fact, safe to use or not to use and with the dangers of being brought into, and I will tell you they all tell me that the introduction to the vaping came with flavorings, that the enticement of trying it was due to the different flavors that were offered by friends or by marketing people. And that the impact that I think the decision that you guys make today is going to send a clear message to the public and teens about the dangers of the use of any flavored products.		
Thomas Bryant	81-82	Legal Counsel-National Association of Tobacco Outlets/National Retail Store Association	Opposed	The Michigan Legislature determines the roles and responsibilities of the Department. No state statute provides express authority for the Department to make rules regarding flavored nicotine products or any tobacco product for that matter. In fact, in 2019, the Michigan Legislature amended the statutes regulating vapor products. Yet in the process did not confer any role on the Department of Health and Human Services to regulate by rule flavored vapor products...This proposal will also have a significant financial impact on retailers. If all flavored nicotine products are banned, retailers would sales of those as customers is simply drive to the next state to purchase their products or purchase them over the Internet.		Thank you, no comment The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is mandated to "endeavor to prevent disease, prolong life, and promote the public health through ... prevention and control of diseases [and] health problems of particularly vulnerable groups," such as youth. MCL 333.2221(1). It is empowered under the Public Health Code to exercise authority and promulgate rules to safeguard the public health. MCL 333.2226(d). The Department may also promulgate emergency rules without following the notice and participation procedures required by sections 41, 42, and 48 of 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.241, MCL 24.242, and MCL 24.248 of the Michigan Compiled Laws in circumstances where a finding of emergency is made. Our goal is to protect youth from the appealing flavors that draw them in to initiating use of -cigarettes.
Jim McDonald (WT)	82-83	Individual Capacity	Opposed	University of Pittsburgh addiction researcher, Saul Schiffman, went and aggregated that data in a different way, so he combined the four separate answers that related to harm reduction. And when you put those together, harm reduction jumped well past flavors as the top reason given for vaping by teens in 2013-14. It was 88.2%. And of those 81.5% who chose flavors as a reason they vaped, 92% of them also chose a harm reduction answer and just 1.8% of all the youth surveyed only chose flavors as a reason.		Most e-cigarettes deliver nicotine, which is highly addictive and can harm the developing brains of teens, kids and fetuses in women who vape while pregnant. Some types expose users to even more nicotine than traditional cigarettes. E-cigarette aerosol includes potentially harmful substances such as diacetyl (a chemical linked to a serious lung disease), cancer-causing chemicals (e.g., acetaldehyde in ecig aerosol), volatile organic compounds (VOCs such as benzene found in gasoline), and heavy metals (nickel, tin, lead.)

"Erin"	83-84	Individual Capacity	Support	The vaping community should be faulting Juul, not the parents, because Juul is the one who came on the scene and now the disposable vape companies and they design these E-cigarette products to be stealthy under the radar of parents, caregivers and educators. So, you know, flavors hook kids and they mask the awful flavor of tobacco. This started back in the 20s when Big Tobacco added menthol to mask the flavor, and addict their, um, addict citizens and they're very successful at it. They've addicted generations.		Thank you, no comment
Stan Meyers	84-85	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Do not do this flavor ban because you are just going to drive people to the black market where the drug dealers there, they don't ID. They don't care who they sell to. I may be one of 1000 people that will actually care and continue to help people stay off of combustible tobacco.		To date, we have not seen this play out in other jurisdictions who have removed flavored e-cigarettes. There is insufficient evidence that flavor restrictions will lead to an illicit market. Tobacco companies have consistently claimed that there is a risk of an illicit market to discourage governments from implementing effective tobacco control measures, but we have seen no evidence of this. The tobacco industry makes similar claims about the creation of a black-market following tobacco tax increases, and study after study has shown that the industry's claims are overblown
Greg Troutman	85-87	Individual Capacity	Opposed	The kind of decision that you all were considering here whether to ban a whole class of products is a quintessential legislative function. In my opinion, this would violate the separation of powers under the Michigan Constitution. It would be unconstitutional...There are at least two things from listening to the discussion today that should have been considered as alternatives and, and should be considered in lieu of a full ban of all products. One is limiting the sale of flavored tobacco products to adult only retail locations that require specific age identification. Do not let minors in, much as you see in liquor stores like at a Meijer's or Walmart, will have a separate entrance for liquor. You have to be 21 or over to enter that facility...The second, and from listening to discussion today too, is the product that the kids tend to use the most are the products that have the highest nicotine content, Juul's in particular. I've heard a lot of discussion about Juul today. We really didn't have a youth vaping problem, per se, like we do now until Juul hit the market. Yes, kids were using products but not with the regularity that they began when the Juul products, hitting the disposable products, later hit the market is to limit the quantity of nicotine that can be sold in products in Michigan to a level that it was on the marketplace before Juul came on the market, which was below 30 milligrams per milliliter. The Juuls come in		The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is mandated to "endeavor to prevent disease, prolong life, and promote the public health through ... prevention and control of diseases [and] health problems of particularly vulnerable groups," such as youth. MCL 333.2221(1). It is empowered under the Public Health Code to exercise authority and promulgate rules to safeguard the public health. MCL 333.2226(d). The Department may also promulgate emergency rules without following the notice and participation procedures required by sections 41, 42, and 48 of 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.241, MCL 24.242, and MCL 24.248 of the Michigan Compiled Laws in circumstances where a finding of emergency is made. Our goal is to protect youth from the appealing flavors that draw them in to initiating use of e-cigarettes.

Jodi Radke (WT)	87-91	Keep Michigan Kids Tobacco Free Alliance; Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids	Support	(C)oncerns have only grown as trends largely continue in the wrong direction. Amidst the current COVID-19 pandemic, it's clear that protecting lung health is more critical than ever, and there's no time to waste and reversing the youth E-cigarette epidemic. The coronavirus attacks the lungs and behaviors that harm the lungs put individuals at greater risk. The CDC recently concluded that being a current or former cigarette smoker increases your risk of severe illness from COVID-19. The harmful impact of smoking on the lungs is well documented, and there is growing evidence that youth E-cigarette use can also harm lung health...National data released last fall showed an unprecedented increase in youth E cigarette use. From 2017 to 2019, E-cigarette use more than doubled among high school students and more than tripled among middle schoolers. In Michigan, that new data released this summer showed that 20.8% of high school students are current E cigarette users, which is an increase from 14.8% in 2017. Daily use of E-cigarettes in Michigan has more than tripled since 2017. It was 7.2% of Michigan students who vape daily. It is clear that youth are not just experimenting with these cigarettes, they're using them frequently and becoming the tobacco industry's pipeline for profit. This comes as no surprise given that Juul and other E-cigarettes deliver a powerful dose of nicotine. Many kids who are cartridge-a-day users don't realize they're using the nicotine		Thank you, no comment
"Michael"	92-93	Individual Capacity	Opposed	Let last year's new laws that were signed in to prevent child access, as we trust with cigarettes, alcohol, and pot, do their job. Let the fud-, federal government own the field and regulations for this market. Do not impose new knee jerk reactions on products that I like to use and that I want to use. I will travel out of state and do anything I need to do to acquire these products. I do not want to switch back to combustible tobacco because of this.		The Youth Tobacco Act has several weaknesses. It does not address flavors at all in this Act. Data has shown that youth obtain these products in social circles. It penalizes youth for purchase, possession and use. Blame for underage tobacco use shifts from the tobacco industry and retailers, to young people. Also, the retailer has affirmative defense

Dr. Sharon Swindell (WT)	93-95	Individual Capacity	Support	<p>The best and most successful tobacco in cessation plan for youth is never to start using the products in the first place. At present, we are failing in a big way. After decades of steadily declining tobacco product use in youth, the years since 2017 have shown as striking and alarming increase in rate of use in adolescent and young adult Michiganders, almost entirely attributed to electronic vapor products...First, research shows that significant youth E cigarette users compared to non-users are significantly more likely to become combustible cigarette users in the future. Second, the delivery of aerosol, aerosolized nicotine as nicotine salts in vapor products, as opposed to freebase nicotine in combustibles, allows for significantly higher levels of nicotine to be inhaled. While there is much research to do, concern about the unique vulnerability in youth and youth brains to addictive properties, and more recalcitrance to addiction treatment, should be cause for putting all measures in place to protect youth until the long term risk and health effects are better understood for these relatively new products. And last, pediatricians and other health care providers for youth do not have the training or tools to manage the surge of youth nicotine addiction, and FDA approved tobacco cessation medications and nicotine replacement theory, therapy options, do not exist for youth less than 18 years of age.</p>		Thank you, no comment
Sam Hahn	95-96	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>I was a 20-year smoker. I use flavors to get off cigarettes. My issue is, I like the flavor of tobacco. So, if they ban all the, like, the flavors we have now, I will go back to smoking cigarettes. There is no ifs, ands, or buts about that. And then if the ban goes through, the company I work for goes under. I lose my job and all the customers that I cared dearly for.</p>		<p>An April 2020 study predicts that eliminating e-cigarette flavors would lower cigarette as well as e-cigarette consumption (Stanton Glantz study). FDA-approved NRTs and prescription medication are available. MDHHS has resources available including the Michigan Tobacco Quitline which is an evidence-based program to help tobacco users quit. It's worth noting that currently, many adult e-cigarette users are dual users, which means they haven't completely quit smoking.</p>
Allie Engelmann	96-98	Individual Capacity	Opposed	<p>[I]f you don't have a valid ID, you don't even get in my store. Not only am I a vape shop owner, I'm a manufacturer. I'm registered with the FDA. I have submitted my premarket tobacco applications. This is a dog and pony show. We are constantly going through hoops for the FDA to stay compliant. Do you think that we would give that up to sell to minors?...Don't take peoples' lives away from them because it's not right. We don't want kids on these things either. But they're getting them, and you know what? Kids are going to get it no matter what, just like they do alcohol, just like they do pot.</p>		<p>Despite age restrictions, retailers continue to sell these products to minors. In the summer of 2018, the FDA's undercover enforcement efforts yielded over 1,300 warning letters and fines to brick-and-mortar and online retailers for illegally selling e-cigarettes to minors. According to FY2019 data, Michigan has a sale to minor violation rate of 10%. It should be noted that MI leads the nation in no sales orders which are given out by the FDA when, during compliance checks, sales are made to minors. More youth report buying e-cigarettes at a vape shop than from a gas station or convenience store (16.5% vs. 9.8%).</p>