

For consideration by the Committee:

Please, Please, **PLEASE** pass S.18, the bill to end the sale of flavored tobacco products. A new poll shows that 68% of Vermonters support the bill – and support comes from across the political spectrum and every area of the state [[https://flavorshookkidsvt.org/voter\\_poll\\_findings.pdf](https://flavorshookkidsvt.org/voter_poll_findings.pdf)]. I am one of those people.

My 15-year-old grandchild was introduced to these flavored products by her so called friends at her large public high school here in Vermont. (The “friends” strategy? “Try this for free, if you want more, I can sell you some, cheap!”) My grandchild thinks vaping is as harmless as drinking coffee. She thinks it relieves her anxiety. She heard these messages from her enterprising peers at school. Now she is finding vaping hard to give up. Score yet another customer for Big Tobacco.

In my direct experience, these products (candy-flavored e-cigarettes, minty menthol cigarettes, and dessert-flavored cigarillos) are "starter products" that the tobacco industry uses to lure kids, plain and simple. Big Tobacco has a long history of untrustworthy tactics. Please have the courage to **say NO** to Big Tobacco on behalf of Vermont kids.

Please do everything you can to advance S.18 and ensure it passes without delay.

Sincerely,  
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