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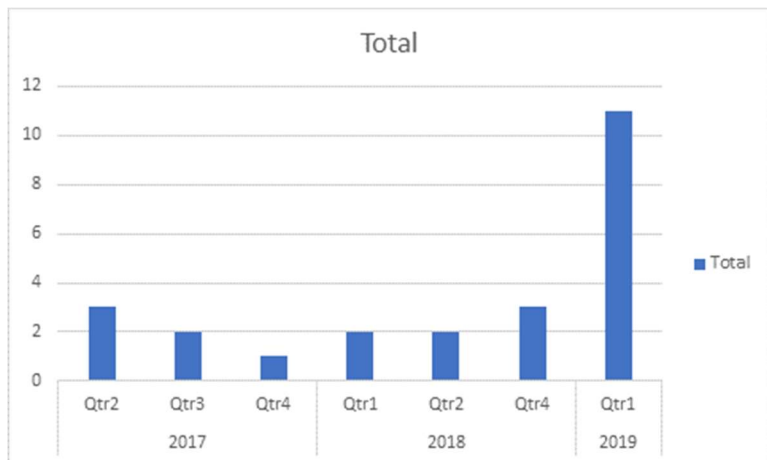
House Committee on Human Services
 115 State Street
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Committee Members,

In preparation for testimony on S.86, I think it imperative to show the committee some recent data apropos to the topic of youth access to Electronic Nicotine Delivery Devices (ENDS).

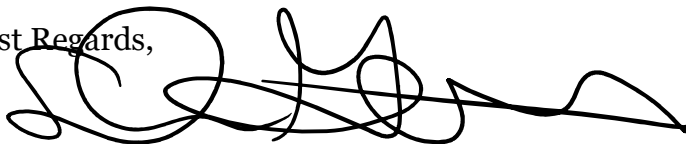
The Division of Liquor Control routinely engages in undercover youth buy compliance checks at all establishments that hold tobacco licenses in Vermont. Since 2017, ENDS devices have been included in the preferred product for our employed minors to attempt to purchase. In 2017 and 2018, our employed minors successfully purchased 6 and 7 ENDS products respectively. It should be mentioned that sample size was 760 compliance checks in 2017 and 1038 in 2018.

Years/Quarters	Number of ENDS Sold to Minors
2017	6
Qtr2	3
Qtr3	2
Qtr4	1
2018	7
Qtr1	2
Qtr2	2
Qtr4	3
2019	11
Qtr1	11
Grand Total	24



As you can see, in Q1 of 2019, our employed minors have already successfully purchased 11 ENDS devices from our licensed establishments in Vermont. In 2017 and 2018 combined, our minors were successful in purchasing 13 ENDS devices. We are clearly seeing an acute and drastic increase in our employed minors' ability to purchase these ENDS products.

Best Regards,



Chief Skyler Genest
 Director, Office of Compliance and Enforcement

