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We have two small businesses in Skowhegan. All of our employees are trained to adhere to all policies and practices created by the state and tobacco companies to prevent any sales to minors, this includes carding and verification of age for all tobacco sales.

Creating a ban on all flavored tobacco will not end the consumption of these products. It will in turn cause consumers to travel to other states or to participate in illegal activities in order to continue to obtain these products. Also, all of the revenue the state currently obtains from the sale of these products will follow the sales to other states causing a huge loss in revenue not only for the state but also for all businesses affected in this state. Sale of these products remaining in hands of the responsible retailers who are trained to provide only to those who are age 21 or over should be allowed to continue. The ban is also not going to prevent minors from obtaining these products through less regulated sources. This ban is also an infringement on the choices of legal adults who have and will continue to smoke menthol products as they have for many years.

Thank you for your time and consideration.