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Dear Committee Members,

I have owned/operated my business for many years. This is how I chose to provide for my family, and I take it very seriously. A full flavor ban on tobacco products is a killer. The market basket effect from these products is huge. People come to buy all sorts of things from my store, but tobacco is almost always a part of that, and I fear that if I am no longer able to sell these products then my business could be seriously crippled. It is extremely difficult to run a business these days with all of the rules and regulations and costs. The government takes and takes on all levels, and in the end we the retailers make less money each year with more headaches. It is amazing to me that our state wants to ban flavored tobacco products after we have all had time to see the results of Massachusetts flavor ban. The people are still getting the products they like and enjoy they are just doing it in a neighboring state. This committee would be foolish to think the same won't happen here. Please do not hurt small businesses in Maine only to help similar businesses in New Hampshire. You were elected to help small businesses please do so and stop this process in its tracks vote NO on this ban!

Sincerely