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LD 1215

Esteemed members of the Health and Human Services Committee, my name is Hillary Shende, and I am in favor of LD 1215.

As a mother of two children in Brunswick, I am so grateful that our town council banned the sale of flavored tobacco products within our municipality sometime back. It reduced easy access to these products by Brunswick kids. Bangor and Portland have taken similar action, but the rest of the state's population remains vulnerable to the dangerous addiction that vaping products bring about. I am sure you will hear from many medical experts who will detail the level of lifelong harm these products cause, but as a lay person, I just want to say that Brunswick, Portland, and Bangor kids shouldn't be the only ones protected from these harms. All Maine kids deserve to be protected from these dangers. Please vote "ought to pass." Thank you.