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Dear Committee Members,

I manage a business that sells tobacco products, and I'm alarmed by Maine's proposal to ban flavored tobacco products. This reckless policy would decimate this business and imperil Maine's tax revenue.

When you were elected, I thought you would work to advance our state. I'm beginning to learn that the Maine State Legislature would rather generate tax revenue for states like New Hampshire. You may think this statement is bold, but the demand does not disappear if you ban flavored tobacco products. Instead, it transfers to other states, which is precisely what happened in Massachusetts. This would be especially devastating to our state's economy considering how much we depend on our neighbors shopping in Maine. Implementing this policy would cut off an outsized source of tax revenue, as well as customers who come to Maine to support our small businesses.

Now is the time to support our small businesses, not implement mandates that would cripple our state's already fragile economic well-being. I urge you to reconsider this proposal that would willingly forfeit our state's tax revenue to our neighbors. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,