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Dear Health and Human Services Committee Members,

These proposed flavor bans simply do not make sense. Let's pretend for a minute we are trying to protect teenagers. When is the flavored alcohol ban going to be proposed, and why is marijuana legal and so readily available for purchase? This is the height of hypocrisy, and it isn't fooling anyone. We all know this is just about getting rid of all tobacco products one by one. Teenagers aren't dying to get their hands on a menthol cigarette or a can of wintergreen dip. What they are doing is vaping all the fruity flavors actually targeted at teenagers. Here in Scarborough, we have benefited from the Portland and South Portland bans. So, we know how much business this state will lose to other states primarily New Hampshire if the state ban passes. Please reconsider this whole issue. There has to be a better way to protect our children than banning all flavored tobacco products. Maybe let's start with doing something about the THC gummy bears sold all over the state.

Truthfully,