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Honorable Committee members:

Thank you for your consideration of the many dangers of flavored tobacco . As a lifelong pediatrician, I have seen the dangerous rise in use of these products, which are cleverly designed to look and taste candy-like. It is well established that a vast number of young smokers start with flavored products, and tobacco use in youth is very likely to lead to addiction. Young people are often impulsive with poor assessment of risk and outcome, especially when there is social pressure to join a crowd. Let's help protect them by making these products unavailable. Their future health as well as the health of our communities and environment depend on this. Deborah Patten MD

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