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Hello

I have been a Maine resident nearly all of my life. I am also a mother as work in social services. Adding flavor is unnecessary and does nothing but lure in customers with an increased temptation to sample a highly addictive substance. An increased lure for underage teens who have an increased likely hood to become addicted.

I also want to point out this is an increased draw for those with intellectual disabilities who may also struggle with an increased likelihood of lower impulse control when it comes to tempting flavored tobacco. Increasing the draw of tobacco will also further saturate the Medicaid system with tobacco related illnesses. Unfortunately the draw for flavoring the tobacco is sole profit driven and the cost of Mainer's health. Please consider banning this product.

Theresa McManus
South Berwick, ME

Sent from my iPhone