

*LD 1550: An Act To End the Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products*  
*Testimony of Penny Theriault, Princeton, Maine*  
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Senator Claxton, Representative Meyer, and honorable members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services: my name is Penny Theriault from Princeton, Maine and I am here today to testify in favor of LD 1550, An Act To End the Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products.

I own a family childcare, Lots of Tots.

I have a small nine year old daughter, who we adopted. I really worry about her and the sale of flavored tobacco. I'm constantly talking to her about her choices and peer pressure.

They're targeting these kids with these flavors, flavors that she loves, to the fruity and all these things that she just craves. And it scares me. I see what it does to these kids. They're not able to focus. They're getting addicted, and then it leads to bigger and worse things. I see these kids getting hooked and what comes after that, and I've been doing this for 35 years. I've seen a lot in 35 years, and this really is an epidemic. Please stop this. Please stop the sale of flavored tobacco now.

Thank you for considering this important bill.