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LD 1693

Reasons not to pass LD 1693:

- Bad for small businesses, a lost product is a lost sale. People will not stop smoking and/or chewing flavored tobacco products, they will find them elsewhere. Since the ban in Massachusetts, sales of flavored tobacco have increased in adjacent states such as New Hampshire and Rhode Island.
- Taking away a person's right to choose; the government should not be able to dictate what a person of legal age puts in their body that is FDA approved.
- Why just tobacco? There are "cotton candy" flavored vodkas, peaches soaked in moonshine at the bottom of the bottles, that seems more attractive to kids than a menthol cigarette.
- Banning flavored tobacco products will increase black market sales of these items that are not FDA approved and could be deadly to children without them knowing.
- Banning these products are going to take away from Maine in all aspects, the taxes generated from tobacco products will take away from programs such as schools, roads, and fire departments. In Massachusetts, the flavor ban has caused more than 140 million in loss of sales with menthol cigarettes alone.