

Sunny Patel
Tim's Little Big Store-Old Town, ME
LD 1693

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Sunny Patel. I am the manager of Tim's Little Big Store in Old Town, Maine. I am highly disappointed to hear you are trying to pass bill LD 1693 that would support a \$2.00 SET increase as well as a statewide flavor ban. It is very hard doing business in Maine being one of the highest taxed states in the country. Now you want to ban a product that is age restricted because of flavors within the category that might entice kids? What about alcohol? There are plenty of choices within this segment that are very enticing to a child. What about the marijuana shops going up on every corner? What about all the flavored products at those shops? My ask is that you take a really hard look at what you are taking away from adults as a choice. We do everything in our power to make sure that these age restricted products don't find their way into the hands of the youth and we pride ourselves on being a responsible retailer.

On another note, increasing the SET by \$2.00 will only weaken our already struggling economy by suppressing consumer spending, straining household budgets, and curbing retail sales. This is not what Maine needs at a time like this.

Please consider voting against LD 1693 as it will only cause Maine unnecessary harm.

Thank you,
Sunny Patel
Store Manager, Tim's Little Big Store