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I am a small business owner who has been impacted by the pandemic, both with reduced sales and also because of the lack of people in the work force. I work 80 hours EVERY week to keep my store open. The additional \$2/pack tax is just another thing to overcome. At the present time, Bangor has the flavor ban going into effect on 6/1/2022. At that time, my customers that purchase tobacco (which is probably 60 - 70%) will go around the corner to Veazie to make their purchase. This means that they will make their other purchases there, as well. My business cannot afford to loose more business because of the additional tax on a package of cigarettes. Our company has been in business since 1966 and our store has been open since 1994. Please oppose LD 1693. I want to remain in business and cannot overcome much more and continue to do so.