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Thank you to the chair and committee for letting us speak this afternoon. My name is Nick Anthony and I'm here to support the bill with amendment. As a father, uncle, and youth sports coach I share your concerns with kids using vapor products. However, as a former smoker whose life was saved by flavored vapor products the proposed legislation has me concerned.

If passed in its current form this bill would take away my ability to choose a safer alternative to tobacco.

I smoked two packs of cigarettes a day for 15 years. I had tried the patch, the gum, cold turkey and nothing worked. When I first tried vaping I tried a tobacco flavor and found that it simply reminded me of a cigarette. Once I tried a fruit flavor it became immensely easier to stop traditional cigarettes. Within a month I had completely transitioned to vapes. I've been tobacco free for over 6 years and I feel healthier than I have since I was a kid.