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**Thank you to the chair and committee for letting me speak today. My name is Wyatt Anthony, I am ten years old and in 5th grade at Monarch Academy Glen Burnie.**

**Banning flavored E-liquid would remove the best alternative to smoking for millions of people in the world. My dad used to be a heavy smoker, but ever since he started using vapes he has gone to the gym more frequently, started coaching my basketball team, and done outside activities with me more. Both of my parents have told me that they had tried to quit smoking multiple times and they never succeeded, but my mom recently quit vaping and after 3 days she wasn't even craving nicotine anymore.**

**Another thing that banning flavors would do is create a black market. Throughout history the government has banned many things from being sold and it didn't work. Such as, in 1920 when the 18th amendment got passed banning all intoxicating alcohol from being sold in the US. Due to this, people would start "bootlegging" beers such as moonshine and other liquors which created a black market. Not only were people still getting beer, but the alcohol usage in the united states only went up. In 1933 the US government would pass the 21st amendment making all alcohol legal again.**

**Currently to make your own e liquid you need a vape license from the Maryland government. If this bill gets passed and it creates a black market people without a license will create it illegally. The people without a license won't know the correct chemicals to use to make sure it is safe so the e liquids would only be more dangerous.**

**Passing this bill would get rid of the best smoking alternative and leave people no choice but to return to smoking, or start juuling which will end up killing them. It will also create a black market for flavored e liquid and most likely make the nicotine usage go up. People will illegally make it and cause it to be more harmful.**

**Thank you for listening.**