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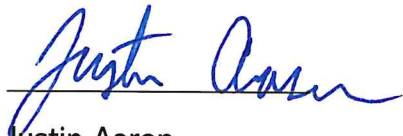
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Dear Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

I am writing today to ask for an unfavorable report on SB233 entitled "Business Regulation - Flavored Tobacco Products – Prohibition." This bill would ban all flavored tobacco, an initiative that I wholeheartedly believe will be detrimental to a number of different communities.

The military has always been a large consumer base for tobacco products. As a member of the United States Military, I have a number of friends that smoke both flavored (menthol) and non-flavored cigarettes. I would make the argument that this is simply a matter of preference, and it wouldn't be fair to eliminate the ability to make a choice in what kind of tobacco products one uses. While I know both options will be available on base, members of the military also have lives outside of work. I believe the freedom of choice is a fundamental American value, and strongly discourage you from passing this legislation.

Respectfully,



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