

I **do not** favor SB0918 for several compelling reasons:

The bill appears to prioritize the interests of big tobacco companies under the pretense of consumer protection, which raises ethical concerns about the true motivations behind its promotion.

Granting the Attorney General unilateral control over the approval of vapor products undermines checks and balances, potentially leading to arbitrary decision-making that could harm consumers and businesses alike.

The absence of a clear framework for how the Attorney General will evaluate products fosters uncertainty and inconsistency, disproportionately disadvantaging smaller businesses that may struggle to meet undefined criteria.

The bill risks eliminating open system vapor products and low-nicotine options, which could severely limit choices for consumers, particularly those seeking lower nicotine alternatives, ultimately driving them toward higher-nicotine .

The legislation threatens to drive small vape shops out of business, consolidating sales within convenience stores—often the primary points of sale for underage consumers. This could lead to significant economic repercussions for the state, with potential losses exceeding \$100 million, as well as an increase in black-market activity as consumers seek alternatives.

In summary, SB0918 poses significant risks to consumer choice, small businesses, and the economy, while seemingly serving the interests of large tobacco corporations.