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Please support the passage of **S.288**, the bill to ban flavored tobacco products because:

1. According to the Truth Initiative **97% of youth** who vape use a flavored product.
2. Among high school students who use e-cigarettes, use of mint or menthol increased from **38% in 2018 to 57% in 2019** after Juul restricted sales of fruit and candy flavors.
3. **80% of youth's 12-17** start smoking using Flavored/menthol tobacco products.

The Tobacco industry is pushing against banning flavored tobacco products because they know flavors help them sell a lifetime of nicotine addiction that puts the youth of Vermont at risk and increases health cost for the entire Vermont health care system.

Sincerely yours,

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