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Good afternoon.

My name is Helen Bagshaw, and I am a member of the Winona County Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention. (ASAP)

The mission of ASAP is that we work together to create a culture free from the misuse of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs for our youth through community-wide collaboration.

This is a letter to support Representative Cedrick Frazier's bill (HF 904) to end the sale of all flavored tobacco products in Minnesota. There will be a hearing held by the House Preventive Health Policy Division on Wednesday, February 17, at 10:30 a.m.

Winona County ASAP supports this Bill (HF904) because of the following reasons.

1. The number 1 cause of preventable death is tobacco.
2. Cigarettes kill 6,300 Minnesota each year.
3. 26% of 11th graders use e-cigs in Minnesota and 11% of 8th graders are vaping.
4. 4 out of 5 kids who have used tobacco started with a flavored product.
5. 67% Minnesota High school tobacco users consume a flavored tobacco product.
6. There are 15,500 tobacco flavors and counting....

Best regards,

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