



February 17, 2021

Chair Freiberg and Committee Members,

On behalf of the Minnesota Dental Association and our 3,000 members I am writing in support of House File 904 to end the sale of all flavored tobacco products in Minnesota. Tobacco use is associated with higher rates of tooth decay, receding gums, periodontal disease, mucosial lesions, bone damage, tooth loss, jawbone loss and more. These products can cause irreparable damage to oral health and our members patients.

Flavored tobacco products are used to target youth and put them at risk of becoming addicted to tobacco and endangering their lung and oral health. The Minnesota Dental Association supports efforts to stop the use of tobacco and we believe that House File 904 is a critical step toward reducing the use of tobacco products, particularly amongst younger Minnesotans.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carmelo Cinqueonce".

Carmelo Cinqueonce, MBA
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