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Chair Marquardt and Tax Committee Members:

HF9 will harm adult vapor consumers that have switched from smoking, inhibit those seeking to quit smoking and harm those enrolled in the Medical Cannabis Program that choose vaping as their desired delivery system. The expanded definition of nicotine solutions on lines 55.19-55.25 to include hardware and devices that are sold separately constitutes a significant tax increase that will fall primarily on small businesses and their customers and policy shift.

These products are primarily used by adults using low or zero nicotine products or those that are enrolled in the medical cannabis program and vaping state approved products. The current language would create an incentive for adult vapor users to return to smoking as the new tax would make it cost prohibitive and significantly more expensive than smoking.

On behalf of the many small retail and manufacturing businesses across Minnesota we urge you to remove lines 55.19-55.25 that would subject devices and hardware sold separately to have the existing wholesale tax applied despite containing no tobacco or nicotine.

Thank you.

Minnesota Vapor Coalition