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I was a smoker for over 25 years. I started smoking when I was 11 years old. I tried for several years to quit smoking. I tried nicotine gum, nicotine patches and with a prescription from my doctor i tried Wellbutrin and Chantix. I tried all of these at different times on several different occasions and none were successful for me.

I was introduced to E-cigarettes in May of 2012. This was the first product that worked for me. I have not smoked a cigarette in almost 5 years. My wife had no desire to quit smoking and she was able to switch to E-cigarettes with ease.

After I experienced how easy it was to stop smoking with these devices I started my own business selling E-cigarettes. Since opening my business I have helped countless numbers of people to stop smoking and decrease nicotine dependence. Several of which have gradually stopped using E-Cigarettes and are completely nicotine free.

I am asking for your support of SB54. With the definitions as they are in SB54 would keep this product reasonably priced. And easily accessible for people trying to quit smoking.

Sincerely,

Byron McNary