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Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee,
Reference: SB54 Please Support!

I started smoking cigarettes when I was 14 years old. By the time I was 15, I was smoking a pack of cigarettes every single day. I continued to smoke a pack a day for the next 10 years. Over the years I had numerous failed attempts to quit smoking by using nicotine gum as well as nicotine patches.

I had almost given up hope on ever quitting cigarettes until three and a half years ago when I was first introduced to E-cigarettes. Not only did E-cigarettes help me quit smoking cigarettes altogether with ease, but I was able to lower my nicotine at my own pace. I am extremely proud to say that with the help of E-cigarettes I have been completely nicotine free for three years.

I am asking for your support of SB54. Myself along with countless other friends and family members I've encouraged by sharing my story would not have been able to stop smoking without the use of E-cigarettes. The definitions as they are in SB54 will keep this product affordable, and accessible so countless more people in our community can be nicotine free. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Demara Epperly