

Before the Ohio Senate Finance Committee
Opponent Testimony of Cole Naylor
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Thank you, Mr. Chairman for allowing me to testify. My name is Cole Naylor and I am from St. Clairsville and I am both an employee of a vapor shop but also a user of the product.

Like many people, I started smoking at the age of 14. By the time I was in high school I was smoking two packs a day, coughing all the time while trying to play sports.

Fortunately for me, by the time I was 18 the vapor industry was starting to gain interest and because of this I was able to use this life saving product to finally quit smoking. I was one of the lucky generations who actually had the option to use vapor products as a means to escape traditional methods of smoking.

Because of my personal experience, I oppose raising the legal age of vaping to 21 because like myself, there are many individuals between 18 and 20 years of age that deserve the right to choose a better lifestyle when kicking the habit of traditional cigarettes.

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today. I'd be happy to answer any questions.