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To:	Grp. City Council and City Web Site
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To whom it may concern,

As a health enhancement teacher for K-5 in Missoula County Public Schools I know it is imperative to voice my concern for not allowing vaping and tobacco companies to continue to target youth in MT and nationally. We must stop this propaganda and it is a known fact from national organizations that fully support health education and are concerned about creating healthy lifestyles from a young age that these companies are TARGETING youth (under the age of 18). One of those organizations that has provided me with many of the helpful resources regarding the dangers of vaping and how it's not any safer (and potentially faster to become addicted to nicotine) is the American Heart Association (AHA).

It is awesome that they have been providing curriculum materials regarding tobacco and vaping for quite some time now but it is unfortunate that we do not have the same educational resources in MT nor legislation. The fact that vaping products and flavored vapes can still be seen in convenient stores for kids under 18 (even though they shouldn't be legally buying them, we know they are!) is a sign that our state isn't doing enough.

If national organizations like the AHA, have gotten behind protecting our youth from the tobacco industry...so should MT fulheartedly. Please help support legislation that montanakidsvs.bigtobacco.org suggests as it will help our youth make better decisions about their tobacco use that will make or break whether they live a long, healthy cancer free life.

Thank you for taking the time to hear my opinions,

Sincerely,

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Sent from my iPhone