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2019 Legislative Memo...

In Opposition to...

A.47 – Rosenthal

S.418 Hoylman Cal # 189

Purpose: This bill prohibits the sale and distribution of flavored “e-liquids” for use in electronic cigarettes and electronic cigarettes containing such flavoring.

Party Position: There are many things we do in our daily lives that are dangerous to our health; walking across an intersection, driving. eating too many calories, and yes, even smoking. ALL of these things are legal to engage in, and when there are ways to help us change our unhealthy habits, they should be celebrated, not made illegal as this legislation is trying to do.

The FDA is the agency charged with regulating tobacco product standards.

The electronic cigarettes are relatively new, yet the preliminary conclusion that e-vapor products may present a compelling risk reduction opportunity compared to combustible cigarettes. Many experts have recognized the promise of tobacco harm reduction and the potential reduced risk products may hold for public health. Recently, 53 global experts on nicotine policy sent a letter to the World Health Organization that stated:

“the potential for tobacco harm reduction products to reduce the burden of smoking related disease is very large, and these products could be among the most significant health innovations of the 21st Century – perhaps saving hundreds of millions of lives.”

Adults, old enough to smoke a legal substance, should be allowed to chose a reduced risk product of their choice, and if it is a flavored “e-liquid” cigarette, so be it. The product is a legal product and as adults the choice should be their choice.

This being said, we firmly support the enactment of age appropriate federal and state legislation to prevent underage access to tobacco and nicotine products.