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Subject Re: PLEASE NO GENERATIONAL TOBACCO & NICOTINE BAN

Thanks David. You are welcome to join us this evening if you would like to speak on the matter.

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On Sun, May 11, 2025 at 5:01 PM David Ajemian <ajemiand@yahoo.com> wrote:

To the Dover Board of Health, Selectmen, & Administrator:

On September 5, 2024 the FDA reported that teen smoking is at an all-time low & teen vaping is at a ten-year low. On January 16 of this year, the FDA authorized, "after extensive scientific review," 20 kinds of nicotine pouches for adults & announced that teen use remains low. If the tobacco industry is trying to attract youth, it is not succeeding.

Teens are not using these products & retailers are fined if they sell to persons under 21. A Generational Tobacco & Nicotine Ban will not affect youth--it will limit adult freedom.

Adults 21 & over in Massachusetts may use their judgment whether to consume alcohol & marijuana--both intoxicants. Shouldn't they be free to do so regarding tobacco & nicotine, which enhance cognition, memory.& motor skills, like driving?

The majority of stores selling nicotine & tobacco are owned by immigrants of color. A Generational Tobacco & Nicotine Ban would hurt and devalue their businesses. Please do not enact this form of stealth prohibition.

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