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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 may not shut them down, but it would hurt and devalue their businesses.

Please do not enact this form of stealth prohibition.

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Cigarette smoking reached the lowest level ever recorded by the survey, with only 1.4% of students reporting current use in 2024.

FDA, October 17, 2024

<https://www.fda.gov/tobacco-products/ctp-newsroom/youth-tobacco-product-use-25-year-low-yet-disparities-persist>

"Youth E-Cigarette Use Drops to Lowest Level in a Decade: Youth Use of Nicotine Pouches Remains Low"

FDA, Sept 5, 2024

<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/youth-e-cigarette-use-drops-lowest-level-decade>