
Easthampton Board of Health

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Dear Board of Health Members Rist & Coughlin,

My name is Andrew Parker. I previously submitted testimonials for December's board of health meeting on behalf of consumer choice advocates. I am resubmitting our materials ahead of tomorrow's Board of Health Hearing, with the addition of new developments.

Last Tuesday, the Barnstable Board of Health rejected NFG, citing their concern that these policies would harm local retailers, increase illegal online purchases, and ultimately fail to deliver the public health results advocates claim the policy will achieve. We encourage the Board to follow Barnstable's example and consider all perspectives when debating NFG. The video link is attached below. <https://barnstable.cablecast.tv/internetchannel/show/12223?site=1>

We also want to reiterate the importance of the FDA's scientific review, where applicable. The FDA has authorized the marketing of certain nicotine products through the Premarket Tobacco Product Application (PMTA) pathway following extensive interdisciplinary assessment (chemistry, toxicology, engineering, social science, and medical review). These authorizations reflect that some nicotine products have met federal evidence standards for marketing and are intended to provide adult consumers with regulated alternatives under strict oversight.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Andrew Parker

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