

Dear Chairman Carpenter, Vice Chair Kessler and Members of the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs,

My name is Byron Johnson, and I am the owner of BJs 66 located in Junction City, Kansas.

I am proud to have owned and operated BJs 66 since 1996. In addition to owning the store I am the proud father of 3 young men and grandfather of 8 grandchildren. I'm active in outdoor organizations such as the Geary County Fish and Game Association, Ducks Unlimited, and Pheasants Forever, and I act as a representative and diplomat of the Junction City, Fort Riley, and Milford Lake area.

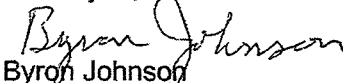
As a small business owner, it is very hard to take the day away from my store, but I am writing today because I feel strongly, that our state, my community, and my store need a list of what e-vapor products are legal to be sold. That is why I am asking you to support House Bill 2801, legislation to create an e-vapor product directory bill in Kansas.

I work hard to ensure that age restricted products, including e-vapor products, are only sold to adults 21 and over. Keeping e-vapor products out of the hands of youth matters deeply to me, but there is no clear way for me to know what products are compliant with FDA regulation and legal to be sold and what products are not. Me and other Kansas retailers deserve better.

Responsible retailers like me also deserve to be able to compete in market where everyone is following the same rules. When I look at the stores around me, I see many vapor products that I do not carry. I choose not to carry them because I do not know if they are compliant, but that puts me at a disadvantage. I don't want to lose my customers to stores around me. Please help me make sure that I am doing the right thing and that I am not being penalized for making every effort to follow the law.

A vapor directory will provide me with the clarity I need to operate my store and be a responsible retailer. Please support House Bill 2801.

Thank you,


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