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General Comment

Docket No. CDC-2019- 0113 Comment by Philip L. Ehrlich (myself). Given 132 Trillion US dollars has been paid in legal fees from the Master Settlement Agreement to our States between 1998 and 2019, and who's conscience must weigh heavily given the 1,300 daily deaths from smoking related cancers, the discussions here need to open with our mutual goal: ending these preventable cancer deaths from the current generation and those yet to come. See naag.org for full explanation of these figures. Tobacco Harm Reduction is needed immediately for the millions of adult smokers who have yet to get the message of why we need to end combustible smoking. Many reasons as to why they have not heard it yet exist but of all, the worst reason is this past years fiasco caused by the CDC and FDA failing to quickly identify the root problem of tainted unregulated black market the cartridges made with vitamin E and focus all attention to the obvious and well documented dangers such an oil has when inhaled. By stalling to address the separate issue of nicotine eliquids currently trending with illicit youth behavior that properly funded Tobacco Control systems could have addressed (if more than the 2.4% of tobacco tax and legal fee revenues were budgeted in 2019 by the states as the CDC recommend (as 12%), a situation was created which jeopardized more lives than necessary. We knew in early September vitamin E was a serious culprit in the lung disease outbreak. Had we informed people expressly to avoid illegal street the products for such good reason, the deaths later that month and in October/November and beyond may have been prevented. In all these 50+ deaths, whole tragic, pale in comparison to the 1,300 smoking related cancer deaths we still see each and every day regardless of whether a person smoked or not. By not banning cigarettes,

politicians are failing to address their own addiction to tobacco taxes and legal settlement fees at the cost of American lives and perhaps worse, the United States entire position on e-cigarette vaping is causing international harm. India would likely not have banned this number one most effective method of smoking cessation (admit the fact it is twice as effective as any NRT as studies have proven in 2018 & 2019) if we did not set off contagious alarms of epidemic proportions about typical and very understandable childish behaviors- trying things they have been told are for adults only (like sex or alcohol and worse drunk driving), how flavors are a problem (vs the demonstrated tool they have shown to be with 70+% of adult smokers preferring them) and then confuse the entire topic in the minds of all by discussing the vaping and nicotine vaping as if they were one and the same. They are not. Cannabis (marijuana: available in my state for those medically prescribed such by dispensaries in the ratio of 20:1 the to cbd or 1:1 and 1thc:20cbd) is a crop that is coming under government regulation finally as the people have suggested it should, for the tax revenue alone, as far back as the 1970's if not longer. In fact it is only because of the decline in tobacco tax and legal fee revenues that we have truly seen legislative changes take place (regardless of the arguments these bills have been sold by). NY only offers medical marijuana as a vapable product (or tincture which is in effective) and this is done exclusively through profiles cartridges. Closed ended pod systems containing eliquid are a separate industry and Juul specifically had been defamed by the handling of this vitamin e the outbreak. They had no part in this but political tools needs to be used or the moment might have been lost to just save the October and November deaths when instead nicotine eliquids might be accused of causing harm thus improving tobacco bond share prices as people mistake reports for reality and are fooled to believe smoking is less harmful than vaping, which is still the same uncontested 95% healthier than traditional combustible cigarette smoking ad Royal College of Physicians reported back in 2015. Who do our leaders think they are to question dabbing waxes in a few states where such is even made available legally, and barely known on the black market in others when we refuse to admit we are embarrassingly fiscally dependent on tobacco revenues. There is a way out. Big Tobacco has been ready for years to stop rolling. We need to end military supply stores forming their budgets with tobacco as one of top ten foundation products funding costs of business and consumer equivalent. Let UWELL and Juul provide solutions without multimillion dollar regulation applications usually streamlined by pharmaceutical express track surcharges as the FDA rate card shows. Bad government. Youth can do it, by opening our minds. DC can ruin it, by deceiving the people for vanity. Also www.sgmro.org time to act.

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