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Dear Chairman, Bills Committees,

I am writing to express my opinion that the government can regulate instead of ban these new tobacco products.

I am an ex-smoker who quited smoking for my wife (who had asthma in her childhood and still have a very sensitive nose).

Everytime we go onto the street, we suffer from the 2nd hand smoke from other cigarette smokers and have to either take a detour, or pace ourselves to avoid them, which is difficult in the packed and narrow streets of HK.

Recently though, we noticed a much lesser negative reaction when we pass through people using new tobacco products.

We have hoped that this is a beginning to better air quality for HK, made possible by innovations. But with the government proposing to ban these, it seems our hope and right to a better living standard is deprived and will not realise.

Once again, I believe regulation instead of ban is more beneficial to us and HK society as a whole, even for non-smokers like us.

Best regards,
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