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Dear sir or madam of council Business Division 2 Council Secretariat,

Here is the written submission for the North American Medical Association.

I am here to represent the North American Medical Association of Hong Kong

In recent years, E-cigarette use has become ever more popular in the younger population. Consistent with this, rather than using it as a cigarette cessation tool, most e-cigarette users were previously 'never-smokers'.

Many published papers have established that e-cigarettes are problematic even as smoking cessation tools, as most smokers continue to use e-cigarettes ongoing for the long term. They thus promote nicotine addiction and pose as-yet-unknown health risks.

E-cigarettes contain high levels of toxic compounds, which inevitably affect the respiratory, gastrointestinal and cardiovascular systems. There are many more emerging sequelae of its long term use, just recently, there are increased reports of seizures with the use of e-cigarettes in the United States.

The US Food and Drug Administration is now concerned that young adults experiencing seizures with use of e-cigarettes may signal an emerging new health hazard.

As a member of the North American Medical Association, may I here to urge the legislators to ban all e-cigarettes and all heat-not-burn cigarettes as the health impact of electronic cigarettes on society experienced so far is only the tip of the iceberg.

Best regards,
Dr. Raymond Tso