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Oregon Progressive Party Position on Bill at 2015 Session of Oregon Legislature:

Support: HB 2134

Dear Committee:

The Oregon Progressive Party officially supports HB 2134, which expands definition of "tobacco products" for purpose of taxation to include electronic cigarettes and nicotine solution.

A better solution would be to ban the sale of electronic cigarettes in Oregon. The manufacturers refuse to identify the chemical stew in the "liquids," and no one should be subjected to a cloud of toxic vapor anywhere in Oregon.

The tobacco companies say that e-cigarettes help smokers quit, because they provide a dose of nicotine. Such doses are also available in the form of pills, patches, and gum--none of which emits a cloud of unknown toxins to invade the lungs of everyone nearby. Yes, but pills, patches, or gum do not provide the "smoking experience," say the paid tobacco lobbyists. Smokers trying to quit are not babies. They do not need high-tech pacifiers that emit billows of poisonous gas. If they do need pacifiers, we suggest they get some binkies and suck away.

Please include this statement in the legislative record for this bill.

Thank you.

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