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Oregon Progressive Party Position on Bill at 2019 Session of Oregon Legislature:

HB 3436: Support, but it should be a lot stronger

Dear Committee:

The Oregon Progressive Party supports this bill, which prohibits persons from mailing or shipping cigars or inhalant delivery system without meeting certain requirements about determining the age of the person to whom the products are shipped.

While this is a reasonable step, it is far too weak. Instead, Oregon should ban the purchase of inhalant delivery systems and fluids by any means other than purchase in person. And then it should ban the purchase of those items altogether, like it bans the purchase of crystal methamphetamine.

Unless stopped, use of vaping products will cause the nation's next public health disaster and impose huge costs upon non-vapers to pay for the medical care and disability benefits for vapers. Vaping is an insane indulgence, promoted by the tobacco companies to profit from the nicotine they refine from tobacco.

