

October 21, 2019

The Honorable Christine Elliott  
Minister of Health and Long-Term Care  
Hepburn Block 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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Dear Minister Elliott:

On October 17, 2019, the Windsor-Essex County Board of Health passed the following Resolution regarding **The Harms of Vaping and the Next Steps for Regulation**. **WECHU's resolution as outlined below calls for amendments to the SFOA restricting the promotion and marketing of vaping products, the sale of flavoured vaping products and asks for all regulations and protections for tobacco such as the Automatic Prohibition (AP) process be applied to vaping retailers:**

**Whereas**, the WECHU Board of Health has passed three previous resolutions related to vaping to encourage further regulation at the federal, provincial, and local levels of government;

**Whereas**, the WECHU has submitted feedback independently and through regional collaborations for the increase in regulations related to vaping products;

**Whereas**, there is evidence that vaping products have short-term negative health effects and contain harmful chemicals like nicotine;

**Whereas**, the restrictions on the promotion and display of tobacco products and the removal of tobacco flavouring from the retail marketplace has contributed to the reduction of tobacco smoking among young people;

**Whereas**, Individuals who do not smoke should not start vaping, especially youth, young adults, pregnant women, and those planning on becoming pregnant;

**Whereas**, vaping rates among young people have increased 74% between 2017 and 2018;

**Whereas**, Vaping products have the potential to re-normalize smoking and lead to tobacco use among youth;

**Now therefore be it resolved** that the Windsor-Essex County Board of Health supports the ban on the promotion of vaping products in the retail setting and online, and

**Further that**, the provincial government further restricts the sale of flavoured vaping products to include only tobacco flavours targeting current smokers who are looking to quit, and

**Further that**, all regulations related to protecting youth and young people from the harms of tobacco smoke be applied to vaping products.

We would be pleased to discuss this resolution with you and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Gary McNamara  
Chair, Board of Health



Theresa Marentette  
Chief Executive Officer

c: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Hon. Ginette Petitpas Taylor, Minister of Health  
Hon. David Lametti, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada  
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