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John Haschak, Chair
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
501 Low Gap Road
Ukiah, California 95482

Dear John Haschak:

I am a registered nurse working in the acute care setting in Willits. This summer, I have the opportunity to work with the Public Health Tobacco Control and Prevention Program as a nursing Intern at California State University, Chico. In my research study, I found high rates of teenagers in Mendocino County who are using e-cigarettes. The 2017-2019 California Healthy Kids Survey showed 7 percent of 7th graders, 15 percent of 9th graders, and 26 percent of 11th graders have used e-cigarette or other vaping devices four or more times.

Some information about e-cigarette and vaping are highly concerning. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported, as of February 2020, a total of 2,807 hospitalized cases of death from e-cigarette or vaping product use-associated lung injury (EVALI), with 150 to 199 cases of deaths in California. The World Health Organization reported many studies conducted in e-cigarettes with common findings that showed more than 80 compounds had been identified in e-cigarette aerosols and vapors that potentially put non-users at risk for respiratory injury through secondhand exposure. The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment of the California Environmental Agency added nicotine to chemicals known to cause cancer, congenital disabilities, or reproductive harm. Furthermore, the American Lung Association reported that 22 percent of children vape due to the availability of flavors in e-cigarettes such as mint, candy, fruit, or chocolate.

In 2016, the new California Tobacco Law added the terms electronic devices with or without nicotine and any electronic device components used for vaping, as tobacco products. Manufacturers of e-cigarettes and other electronic devices are aggressively marketing flavored e-cigarettes, targeting children to vaping and leading to addiction. Vaping is a public health concern. Therefore, it is only right that we protect children in our community from vaping's harmful effects.

The Mendocino County Tobacco Coalition proposes banning the sale of flavored e-cigarettes, electronic devices containing nicotine, and any electronic components used for vaping. With this letter, I, as a healthcare professional and a constituent of Mendocino

County, supports this proposal; and ask the Board of Supervisors to approve an ordinance that will improve health and well-being among our youth population. It is our duty and responsibility to keep the future of America healthy.

I am looking forward to celebrating a positive outcome of the proposal.

Sincerely,

Daisy Ellsworth
(Electronically signed)

Please find the names of healthcare professionals in Mendocino County supporting the proposal.

Names and Titles of Professionals who signed the Letter of Support

Brianna Schneider, Registered Nurse

Kaitlan Gravier, Registered Nurse

Jessica Reusch, Patient Service Representative

M. Elida Cardona, Certified Nurse Assistant and Realtor

Brian Giang, Registered Nurse

Dr. William Bowen, MD – Orthopedic Surgeon

Kaeleigh McKey, Certified Nurse Assistant

Dr. David Streeter, MD – Chief of Staff – Adventist Health Howard Memorial Hospital

Dr Austin Tidwell, DO, ER, Adventist Health, Ukiah and Willits

Amy Kohler, Registered Nurse – Supervisor

Alonzo Garcia, Registered Nurse

Sonia Azcarate, Certified Nurse Assistant

Anna Castro, Telemetry Technician

Regina Waddle, Registered Nurse

Gina Celeri, Registered Nurse

Wendy Kyncy, Registered Nurse, Supervisor

Anne Rueb, Registered Nurse, Joint Program Coordinator

Anny Syharath, Registered Nurse

Ron Ellsworth, Registered Nurse

Katie Clark, Certified Nurse Assistant

Photo Copy of Actual
Signatures

Attached are Signatures of healthcare professionals and workers in Mendocino County,
supporting the Proposal to Ban Sale of Flavored E-cigarettes and other electronic devices
used for vaping to minors.

Name	Profession	Signature
Brianna Schneider	RN	Brianna Schneider
Kathleen Grier	RN	Kathleen Grier
Jessica Reusch	PR	Jessica Reusch
M. Elida Cardona	Realtor /CNA	M. Elida Cardona
Brian Gray	RN	Brian Gray
WILLIAM BOWEN	MD	William Bowen
Kathleen McKee	CNA	Kathleen McKee
David G Streeter M	MD	David G Streeter M
Ashli Tidwell, D.O.	D.O.	Ashli Tidwell, D.O.
Amy Fohler RN	RN	Amy Fohler RN
Alonso Gove	LN	Alonso Gove
Sonia Azzarato	CNA	Sonia Azzarato
Anna Castro	Teleclerk /CNA	Anna Castro
Regina Waddell	RN	Regina Waddell
Gina Celeri	RN	Gina Celeri
Wendy Kynny	RN	Wendy Kynny
Anne Rueb	RN	Anne Rueb
Anny Syharath	RN	Anny Syharath
Ron Ellsworth	RN	R. Ellsworth
Katie Clark	CNA	Katie Clark