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Dear Member of the European Parliament,

As President of the French independent association of electronic cigarette users (AIDUCE), I am writing to ask you to refuse the de facto ban on electronic cigarettes contained in the draft Directive on tobacco products.

As pointed out by many experts and specialist organizations and as confirmed by the vast majority of the members of user forums, the proposal to classify electronic cigarettes as medicines will effectively eliminate from the market the maj or part of what makes them attractive to smokers.

As a result, hundreds of thousands of European vapers would return to tobacco and tens of millions of smokers would be discouraged from discovering in the electronic cigarette an alternative that, according to the French Office against Tobacco Addiction (OFT), is far less dangerous.

Faced with this threat, in recent months many petitions have been launched across Europe; the one initiated by our Association having collected more than 33,000 signatures from French speakers: <http://www.aiduce.fr/petition/>

We are also aware of the illegal nature of this proposal, highlighted by the opinion of the JURI Committee and by many legal experts such as Sir Francis Jacobs QC, the former Advocate General at the Court of Justice of the EU.

Should this proposal be approved by the full Parliament and by the EU Council, the ensuing legislation would be therefore both liberticidal and contrary to the interest of public health. AIDUCE has the means to challenge it in national and European Courts.

To help fully inform you about electronic cigarettes and about the nature of the debate surrounding them, please find enclosed a report based on our own research and on the experience and testimony of tens of thousands of vapers.

We will be attending the European Parliament in Strasbourg on the 9th September where we would be delighted to supply any further information you may require.

Yours sincerely

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