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Senate Bill No.355

Chairman Thompson and Members of the Committee,

My name is Scott Mchargue. I'm co-owner of Mcvapour E-cigs in Derby. I'm an opponent of Bill No.355. This bill will indefinitely shut down all small electronic cigarette stores across Kansas. This bill will make it impossible to run a small e-cigarette business in Kansas.

Asking every e-cigarette manufacturer or distributor to obtain a special license to sell products in Kansas is not realistic. They are not going to get a license just to sell in Kansas, when they can sell to other states without this regulation. It will be impossible for retailers to get the required paperwork to comply with this law. The products that are sold in these small e-cigarette businesses are made all over the country and world, from several different sources. Most of these products go through two or more distributors before making them on the retail shelf. Being able to persuade all these manufacturers to comply with Kansas law would be an undeniable impossible task. While some manufacturers will comply, most will discontinue their sales to Kansas due to this bill.

The only manufacturers who stand to gain from this are Big Tobacco companies. It benefits them most because they only distribute to a hand full of distributors in Kansas. They also have the funds necessary to afford this option. While regulation is necessary, this bill is not a realistic solution for small businesses in Kansas. I ask this committee to look at another option that would benefit all e-cigarette businesses, big and small.

I ask in closing to please remember the small businesses here in Kansas when making your decision. Please don't allow this bill to shut down hard working people who took a chance on themselves and this industry, only to be regulated out of business by Big Tobacco. Thank you for your time.