



September 20, 2019

President Donald Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), which represents 134,600 family physicians and medical students across the country, I write in strong support of your Administration's [plan](#) to remove all non-tobacco flavored e-cigarettes from the market, including mint and menthol flavors – a long-tolerated gateway to nicotine and tobacco addiction.

The AAFP fully agrees with remarks made September 11 in the Oval Office. Data gathered shows a very alarming trend of use by children of flavored e-cigarette products. We therefore appreciate that you directed your Administration to take decisive action by severely curtailing access to flavored e-cigarette products. **The AAFP urges the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Food and Drug Administration to quickly implement this plan to help reverse the current youth e-cigarette epidemic.**

We call for the removal of all flavored e-cigarettes from the market—both in retail stores and online. This plan must include a prohibition on all non-tobacco flavors, including mint and menthol. Finally, the AAFP fully supports the timetable for the final policy to be issued within weeks and enforced 30 days later.

We appreciate the opportunity to offer our full support. Please contact Robert Bennett, Federal Regulatory Manager, at 202-655-4908 or rbennett@aafp.org with any questions.

Sincerely,

Michael Munger, MD, FAAFP
Board Chair

CC:

The Honorable Alex Azar, Secretary of Health and Human Services
The Honorable Jerome Adams, Surgeon General of the United States
The Honorable Norman Sharpless, Acting Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration

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