

HB 1076 Testimony- Noelle Cerone

Good afternoon, my name is Noelle Cerone and I am a Junior at Steamboat Mountain school in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. I'm writing to tell you about the effect of e-cigarettes on my town and school. Smoking e-cigarettes has become more common in recent years in Steamboat Springs, harming the many kids that participate in this trend and the kids who are surrounded by them. Although I have never vaped, mostly because I have respiratory health issues and I've never been interested, I know a lot of kids who have changed over time because they got addicted to the nicotine in vape pens. I have seen other young people not care about their grades or anything at school anymore because all they care about is having their Juul 24/7.

Using e-cigarettes has also become more common for adults. I have seen many adults use e-cigarettes in restaurants, which affects everyone around them and could cause health issues for someone that doesn't vape. And because kids see adults vaping in restaurants and other public places, in school, kids vape constantly, even if the teacher is watching. For kids who have to be surrounded by them, this can be very dangerous. It's especially dangerous for kids like me, who have respiratory conditions. If I'm around people vaping or smoking in public indoor places, this can cause harm to my lungs and make my condition worse. Even if someone doesn't have an already-existing disease, they can potentially develop one or still be affected by the secondhand smoke from vape pens without even knowing it.

In all, letting people smoke anything indoors should never be allowed—including e-cigarettes. Using e-cigarettes indoors puts other people at risk, and the only way to stop this from happening is to ban e-cigarettes from being used in public places. I hope you take this into consideration and vote yes on the bill to ban e-cigarettes in public places. Thank you for your time.