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Tuesday, November 26, 2019

The Honorable Mitt Romney
U.S. Senate
124 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Romney:

We wanted to thank you for your attendance at Friday's meeting at the White House regarding the youth e-cigarette epidemic and how best to combat it. We appreciated your comments in strong support of the plan announced by the President on September 11. We cannot agree with you more on this issue.

We know that flavors are a major reason youth use e-cigarettes and now that millions of youth use these products regularly, any non-tobacco flavor left on the market will perpetuate the youth e-cigarette epidemic. Your leadership on this issue is appreciated and critical. Our nation faces a youth public health crisis created by an industry that is practiced at addicting youth to their products in the interests of profit. As you rightly stated, kids have overwhelming access to e-cigarettes through vape shops. We agree that there should be no exemptions for these shops with regard to any restrictions of non-tobacco flavored e-cigarettes.

This is a public health crisis and it is imperative to prioritize kids' health when leading our nation's response. We sincerely applaud your commitment to the youth of this nation, and we look forward to working with you to protect them from this epidemic. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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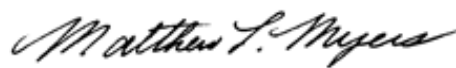
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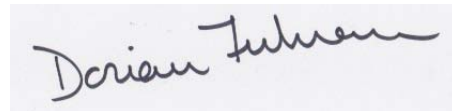
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