

# MaineHealth

## Testimony of Sarah Calder, MaineHealth

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## In Support of LD 152, “An Act to Prohibit the Possession and Use of Electronic Smoking Devices on School Grounds”

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Senator Gratwick, Representative Hymanson, and distinguished members of the Health and Human Services Committee, I am Sarah Calder and I’m the Director of Government Relations for MaineHealth. As part of MaineHealth’s mission of “Working Together So Maine’s Communities are the Healthiest in America,” I am here today to testify in support of LD 152 because it supports this mission and vision by banning the use and possession of electronic smoking devices on school ground.

In 2017, 15.9% of Maine High School students reported use of an electronic vapor product in the past 30 days. Just yesterday, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released additional data from the joint Food and Drug Administration and CDC 2018 National Youth Tobacco Survey. According to the data released, in 2018, more than 3.6 million middle and high school students were current users of e-cigarettes, which is more than double the figure reported last year (1.5 million). These figures are truly appalling and we believe that LD 152 takes an important step forward in helping to curb e-cigarette use amongst school aged children by banning the product from school grounds.

Because of the factors noted above, I urge you to vote Ought to Pass on LD 152, “An Act to Prohibit the Possession and Use of Electronic Smoking Devices on School Grounds.” Thank you for your time and consideration and I would be happy to answer any questions.