

# #1

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## Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	<b>Susanna McColley</b>
Organization (if any):	<b>Ann &amp; Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago</b>
City/Town:	<b>Chicago</b>
State:	<b>IL</b>
ZIP:	<b>60611</b>

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## Q2

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**Respondent skipped this question**

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## Q4

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We will send via e-mail.

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**Q6**

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Email Address

**smccolley@luriechildrens.org**

Phone Number

**312.860.6157**

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**Q8**

**Respondent skipped this question**

If addressing the Board or Committee live (in-person or virtually), do you require translation services?

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**Q9**

**Respondent skipped this question**

If yes, which language do you need translated?

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## #2

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### Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	<b>David Karr</b>
Organization (if any):	<b>Chambers &amp; Owen</b>
City/Town:	<b>Janesville</b>
State:	<b>WI</b>
ZIP:	<b>53545</b>

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In consideration of the Cook County ordinance to ban flavored vapor, I respectfully submit the following comments for consideration:

Data shows that local flavor bans are only effective in harming local retail. Consumers will travel outside the ban area to purchase the product. This has been proven with similar tactics in the Duluth and Minneapolis/St. Paul markets.

Those consumers who do not travel outside the ban area will have access to local black-market traders who seize the opportunity to transport the product into the flavor restricted area. This product will be outside the control of local government and not subject to FDA guidelines or age restrictions.

Retail has a proven track record of age identification and restricted product management. Creating a flavor ban area takes this skill away from this proven trade channel and incentivizes the creation of unregulated black-market activities.

Further action by the Board of Commissioners to restrict access to flavored vapor could be considered unnecessary given the action the FDA is already taking to remove products that have not received Pre-Market authorization or have received Marketing Denial Orders.

In conclusion, the Board of Commissioners should not pass this ordinance and instead allow responsible retailers to continue to sell flavored vapor products in a law-abiding manner rather than creating an unregulated marketplace.

Sincerely,

David Karr  
Director of Trade Relations  
Chambers & Owen, Inc.  
Janesville, WI

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Email Address

**[dkarr@chambers-owen.com](mailto:dkarr@chambers-owen.com)**

Phone Number

**6087527865**

**Q8**

**No**

If addressing the Board or Committee live (in-person or  
virtually), do you require translation services?

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**Q9**

**Respondent skipped this question**

If yes, which language do you need translated?

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## Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	<b>Mohammad Hammad</b>
Organization (if any):	<b>Cicero Elite Limited</b>
City/Town:	<b>Cicero</b>
State:	<b>IL</b>
ZIP:	<b>60804</b>

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A proposed ban will likely affect 100,000 of thousands of individual adults as well as tens of thousands of jobs and people that rely on this to support their families.

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Email Address

**m.hammad0589@gmail.com**

Phone Number

**3129985900**

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**Q8**

**No**

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**Q9**

**Respondent skipped this question**

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### Q1

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**Witness Name:** Ahmad abdelrahim  
**City/Town:** Countryside  
**State:** IL  
**ZIP:** 60525

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Our business is active since 7 years we have zero violation during this period of time please keep us in business

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Email Address

**smoketalktobacco@gmail.com**

Phone Number

**7084767882**

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**Q8**

**No**

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**Q9**

**Respondent skipped this question**

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### Q1

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Witness Name:	Gerry Tadros
City/Town:	Palos Park
State:	IL
ZIP:	60464

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Banning flavored cigars will help me quit menthol cigarettes and flavored disposable vapes

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Email Address

**primecapital7@gmail.com**

Phone Number

**7083518881**

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**Q8**

**No**

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**Q9**

**Respondent skipped this question**

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### Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Mohamed Alhariri
City/Town:	Berwyn
State:	IL
ZIP:	60402

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**Q8**

**No**

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**Q9**

**Respondent skipped this question**

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## Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	<b>Ravindra sharma</b>
City/Town:	<b>Bartlett</b>
State:	<b>IL</b>
ZIP:	<b>60103</b>

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## Q2

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Email Address	<b>Bhaveshparekh230228@gmail.com</b>
Phone Number	<b>8729857622</b>

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**Q8** Respondent skipped this question

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**Q9** Respondent skipped this question

If yes, which language do you need translated?

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## Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	<b>Hardrock</b>
Organization (if any):	<b>Hardrock smoke&amp;vape</b>
City/Town:	<b>Chicago</b>
State:	<b>IL</b>
ZIP:	<b>60630</b>

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**Q9** Respondent skipped this question

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## Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	<b>Mohammad Anis</b>
City/Town:	<b>Morton Grove</b>
State:	<b>IL</b>
ZIP:	<b>60053</b>

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**Q8** Respondent skipped this question

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**Q9** Respondent skipped this question

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## Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	<b>Roshani Patel</b>
City/Town:	<b>Streamwood</b>
State:	<b>IL</b>
ZIP:	<b>60107</b>

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## Q2

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Instead of a blanket ban on flavors, a more reasonable approach would be to focus on stricter regulations, age verification systems, and comprehensive education campaigns.

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## Q1

Please provide some basic information

**Witness Name:** 1 Stop Tobacco & Vape, INC.  
**City/Town:** Richton Park  
**State:** IL  
**ZIP:** 60471

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I'm in opposition to the Cook County Flavor Ban

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**Q7**

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**Q9**

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# #12

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## Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Pulaski good and fuel
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60462

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## Q2

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## Q4

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I am in opposition of the cool county ban

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## Q1

Please provide some basic information

**Witness Name:** Kristina Hamilton, MPH  
**Organization (if any):** American Lung Associatoin  
**City/Town:** Chicago  
**State:** IL  
**ZIP:** 60601

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Written Testimony of Kristina A. Hamilton of the American Lung Association  
for the Cook County Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee  
RE: Ordinance 23-2311  
May 24, 2023

Chairperson Britton and Members of the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee:

On behalf of the American Lung Association, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony to express our position on ordinance 23-2311. The Lung Association strongly supports ending the sale of ALL flavored tobacco products, including flavored e-cigarettes, menthol cigarettes and flavored cigars, and encourages a comprehensive evidenced-based approach to prevention and limiting access to all tobacco products.

The Lung Association works on behalf of the 34 million Americans, including 1.4 million Illinoisans, living with lung diseases like lung cancer and COPD—which are primarily caused by tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke.

When considering legislation to address flavored tobacco products, it is important that the proposal is comprehensive - addressing all flavors and all products. While most flavored cigarettes are prohibited, menthol is not. The Lung Association strongly supports menthol cigarettes being removed from the marketplace and has been calling for such action since 2011. In April 2013, the Lung Association and our partners submitted a formal citizen petition to the FDA, requesting that the Commissioner “prohibit menthol as a characterizing flavor of cigarettes.”

Exempting menthol cigarettes would create a two-tiered system of public health inequality, disproportionately protecting predominantly white communities where e-cigarettes are more popular while abandoning kids in predominantly Black, Latino and LGBTQ+ communities where menthols are more popular.

Menthol is not only a flavoring, but a chemical with complex, drug-like properties that can impact smoking initiation, addiction and cessation. Menthol has cooling and anesthetic properties which reduce the harshness of cigarette smoke for new smokers. Menthol also reduces airway pain and irritation and can suppress coughing, which can mask the early warning symptoms of smoking-induced respiratory problems. Use of menthol cigarettes by youth also makes it more likely that youth will go on to become regular smokers. While overall cigarette sales have been declining, the proportion of smokers using menthol cigarettes has been increasing, and over half of kids who smoke cigarettes use menthol cigarettes.

The health disparities the use of menthol cigarettes have caused are also very troubling. The sale and marketing of menthol cigarettes disproportionately burdens the Black community as a result of decades of targeted marketing by the tobacco industry . The use of menthol is more common among youth, female smokers, LGBTQ+ smokers , those with mental illness and racial and ethnic minorities, especially Black people. Nearly 9 in 10 Black smokers (88.5 percent) aged 12 years old and older use menthol cigarettes .

Recognizing that almost all tobacco users begin their use during their adolescence or young adulthood, tobacco companies have spent billions of dollars marketing their products and making them more attractive to young people. For decades, the tobacco industry has used flavors to attract youth. Indeed, the industry’s decades-long conspiracy to deceive the public includes many documents that demonstrate the industry’s understanding of the role flavors play in tobacco use initiation. We must counter their attempts to hook the next generation of nicotine addicted youth to their products.

We appreciate the opportunity to submit this testimony and your attention to addressing the crisis before us. With a vision of a world free of lung disease, the American Lung Association is working to eliminate the use of all tobacco products. We support strong

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tobacco prevention policies that are proven to reduce tobacco rates. A comprehensive approach that prohibits the sale of all flavored tobacco products is needed to realize this vision and prevent today's youth from being the next generation of kids addicted to tobacco products, including menthol cigarettes and e-cigarettes.

Thank you again for your consideration. For any questions, please contact me at [Kristina.Hamilton@lung.org](mailto:Kristina.Hamilton@lung.org) or 312-445-2507.

Sincerely,

Kristina A. Hamilton, MPH  
Advocacy Director, Illinois  
American Lung Association

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