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The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York
New York State
Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

On behalf of the American Medical Association (AMA) and our physician and medical student members, I write to thank you for your action to ban flavored e-cigarette products in the state of New York. We strongly believe the use of e-cigarettes and vaping is an urgent public health epidemic that must be addressed.

The AMA has long recognized that the use of products containing nicotine in any form among youth, including e-cigarettes, is unsafe. With serious vaping-related illnesses and deaths reported and soaring numbers of America's youth using e-cigarette products with flavors designed and marketed to appeal to young people, more stringent policies are necessary. Your executive action will help keep harmful e-cigarette products out of the hands of young people and prevent another generation from becoming dependent on nicotine.

The AMA applauds your leadership on this important issue. If you have any questions, please contact Annalia Michelman, Senior Legislative Attorney, Advocacy Resource Center, at annalia.michelman@ama-assn.org or (312) 464-4788.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James L. Madara". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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cc: Medical Society of the State of New York
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