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Dear Council President Amy Brendmoen and members of the City Council:

I am writing to ask you to enforce your tobacco flavor ordinance against a repeat violator, Twins Market and Meat at 1055 4th Street. This store has repeatedly demonstrated that they are either unwilling or unable to follow the city's restriction on the sale of flavored commercial tobacco products. Other stores in the city are complying with this ordinance and Twins Market and Meat should be expected to do so also.

In 2016, I spent time advocating for a flavored commercial tobacco ordinance. I was happy to see the Saint Paul Councilmembers respond by restricting the sale of flavored tobacco products to adult-only tobacco shops.

This ordinance was and is still an important issue to me. As a physician in the Twin Cities and a parent to three children between the ages of 7 and 11, I want to ensure the community where my patients and children live is safe and healthy.

This ordinance was set in place for a reason - to reduce the appeal and access of tobacco products. I am deeply concerned that Saint Paul businesses that are unauthorized to sell flavored products continue to do so.

I ask that the City Council follow through with penalizing Twins Market and Meat and other businesses that don't follow this ordinance.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Flynn, DO

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