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Council Member Jane Prince  
15 Kellogg Boulevard West  
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Dear Council Member Prince,

The proposal to ban mint and wintergreen-flavored tobacco is just ridiculous. As a menthol cigarette smoker for forty years, a city-wide ban is not going to stop me. In fact, if this ban is put in place, I will most likely just drive to Wisconsin, which will cause the city to lose revenue.

Having worked as a waitress since I was twelve years old, I have been employed at McDonald's for the past five years, and my fiance is unemployed. While I am willing to drive to Wisconsin for menthols, it would cost extra gas money, which would further tighten our already strict budget. For that reason, I would prefer to buy my tobacco here. My fiance and I already save money by rolling our own cigarettes. When we switched to rolling our own, our costs went from \$30 per day to \$30 every two weeks.

If you are really concerned about the citizens of St. Paul, you should focus more on dangerous issues like people driving while talking on their cell phones. As a lifelong resident, I hate to see people in danger because the city is not doing everything it can to enforce safe cell phone laws. Please oppose this ban, and focus your efforts on something more worthwhile.

Thank you for your help,

Donna Keeney

