

Greetings Kathy Lantry,

My name is Abdelbasit and I own the corner store at 781 East 7th Street. The proposed ordinance to Ban the sales of cigars in packages less than 5 cigars or Mandate a retail price of more than \$2.10 for a single cigar will damage my sales drastically. St. Paul SHOULD NOT usher in a new era of prohibition while surrounding cities are not. This prohibition will drive out small businesses from the city of St. Paul. Law-Abiding Retailers Do not sell Cigars to Minors. Also, banning the sale of legal cigar products is NOT a solution to prevent minors from smoking. In conclusion, passing this ordinance into a law will harm the community, the city of St. Paul and small businesses.

Sincerely yours,  
Abdelbasit