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**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward1-7

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**Subject:** Ordinance to prohibit sale of candy, sweet, and fruity flavored tobacco products in St. Paul stores where youth are allowed

Dear City Councilmembers; I am writing this letter to support the work of the young people of St. Paul in limiting the sale of tobacco products targeting young people.

I live in St. Paul and have a 13 year old child. I don't want to have him or his friends given access to cheap and sugar-coated tobacco products. Access to alcohol, tobacco and other drugs is the highest determinant of whether or not our kids will use these chemicals. Our kids these days have enough challenges on their plates. They rely on adults to make good choices in keeping their environment free from danger. This is our time to do what's right by our youth and approve the ordinance to prohibit sale and access of these candy, sweet and fruity flavored tobacco products in St. Paul stores where youth are allowed.

I pray you will all do the right thing by our children and our communities. Please vote to approve this ordinance for the sake of our children's health and safety.

Thank you.

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