

The text msg on Halloween referred to a contribution from Altria that I sent back.

I sent it back, in part because of the serious health issues related to vaping that emerged this summer and articles like this one in August [Altria : E-cigarette giant Juul's campaign donations | MarketScreener](#). My views (reproduced below) on the potentially life-saving need to regulate vaping are counter to Altria's views as reported in the article.

... because emerging health concerns about vaping are so serious, I want to assure you that I am extremely concerned.

- I voted to raise the age to purchase vaping products to 21 in the last Session
- I will vote to limit flavorings so that they do not entice users who will become addicted to this form of nicotine but, rather, are minimal and in line with use by someone trying to break from the harmful effects of smoking.
- I am convinced that it is essential that the content of liquids used in vaping be labeled.

On this last point:

As a member of the Courts Criminal Law subcommittee, I have heard many presentations about legalizing marijuana. I've concluded that sale of marijuana (or of liquid nicotine for vaping) must be controlled just as we have long controlled the sale of alcohol.

When someone buys any alcoholic beverage – from whiskey to a craft beer – its alcohol content is on the label. For basic public safety, liquid nicotine must be similarly labeled to show its nicotine content and any other drug such as THC which is the chemical in marijuana responsible for the euphoric high.

Footnote:

Altria's giving shifted after the Democrats picked-up so many seats in the Virginia House in 2017. Because of that, instead of the \$500 a year I had always gotten, in 2018 I received \$1,000 and in July 2019 I received \$1,500.

