

As I said in my overall response “Not Afraid of Any Attacker”:

It is not un-usual to never get another dime from a contributor after I vote against them. “On the other hand, Altria keeps giving \$500* to almost every Delegate – even me, despite all my bills to let Fairfax raise cigarette taxes and my votes for smoke-free public spaces and to outlaw vaping sales to kids under 18.”

(* The \$10,000 figure used in the attack mailers and robocalls is over 20 years @ \$500/yr.)

However, 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.

Finally:

I’ve never wavered in trying to increased Virginia’s minimal cigarette tax of 30¢ a pack. Because of new tobacco products and trends, I believe there will be a move adjust the taxes on all tobacco products. As the ranking member of the House tax-writing committee, I will focus on

- raising Virginia’s overall taxes on all forms of tobacco so that our cigarette tax is no longer 50th out of 51.
- allowing Fairfax County to raise its local cigarette tax, which state law limits to 30¢ while Alexandria’s is \$1.15 and small jurisdictions like Falls Church, Vienna, and Herndon have rates twice as high as Fairfax County.

**My opponent’s attacks are based on guilt by association
and the assumption that all elected officials are bought and sold.
My record documents a very different truth.**