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Dear [REDACTED],

By now you may have heard that a new law allows the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to consider restricting or banning all menthol cigarettes. We're writing our loyal customers about this very important issue, which may determine whether you can continue to enjoy menthol cigarettes.

To study menthol, the FDA has appointed an advisory panel of scientists. Their work will continue through March 2011 before they make a recommendation.

We are fighting for your right to smoke what you want!

We think the FDA won't find a scientific basis for banning menthols, but sometimes politics trumps good science. Lorillard does not believe that menthol cigarettes should be treated any differently by the FDA than non-menthol cigarettes. We also believe that Americans have a right to make a personal choice to use any legal product.

Please let the FDA know your opinion today! You can email the scientists at TPSAC@fda.hhs.gov. Or, you can write a letter to them at:

Caryn Cohen, M.S.
Center for Tobacco Products
Food and Drug Administration
9200 Corporate Blvd., Rm. 320W
Rockville, MD 20850-3229

And, if you want to learn more, you can visit a Lorillard-sponsored website at www.understandingmenthol.com. It describes the compelling science and how menthol cigarettes simply give adult smokers a taste choice.

Thank you - and please send your message right away.

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VOID

Somers, Karen M

From: Lisa Smith [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2011 12:25 AM
To: TPSAC

I would like to voice my concerns about the FDA considering a ban on menthol cigarettes. I believe that the scientific evidence does not show that the menthol in cigarettes is harmful, and as an American I have a right to make a choice to use any legal product.

The science is clear that menthol cigarettes have the same health effects as non-menthol cigarettes, therefore, I feel it would be a grave error on the part of the Food and Drug Administration to interfere with the right to choice.

Respectfully,
Lisa Rae Smith

[REDACTED] (b) (6)]

Somers, Karen M

From: Joel Suarez [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 11:45 PM
To: TPSAC

Why would you band one type of cigarettes? You should either band them all or dont band any. They are all bad for your health but its a personal choice weather people want to harm their bodies or not. If it wasnt then you would band alcohol and all tobacco products. A cigar is worse then a cigarette so why would menthol be gone befor cigars? If your going to start banding things why dont u start with the worse and work your way down, if not then leave it alone.

Somers, Karen M

From: RUBEN OUSLEY [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 11:30 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol cigarettes

menthol cigarettes are the same as the non-menthol cigarettes 40 years using cigarettes I know!

Somers, Karen M

From: Genie Karl [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 11:03 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol

I am honestly doing this very last minute and I am aware that this e-mail will most likely not have any impact on your decision in either direction. However, I do not understand why it is an issue for Menthol Cigarettes to be taken off the market in the first place. I will admit that I have not read any of the information for either argument, but if an individual is aware of the risk then why does it matter?

Somers, Karen M

From: showneen vetzel [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 10:56 PM
To: TPSAC

u should ban them all than

Somers, Karen M

From: Annitta Lee [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 10:38 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Don't Change Our Cigarettes

To Whom it may Concern,
I'm writing in response to the restriction or ban that your thinking of putting on menthol cigarettes. Please Please don't, I rather smoke menthol than take the drugs that my doctor writes for me. The menthol has a soothing affect on my nerves, you guys may not think that there is a difference but us smokers do. PLEASE, PLEASE PLEASE don't change things.

Thank You
Annitta Lee

Somers, Karen M

From: TRACEY SULLIVAN [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 10:32 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

I would like to say don't band menthol cigarettes because menthols are the ones most smokers prefer. by banding menthol just wouldn't be a good thing to do you just can't band one and don't band the others it's just not right. All brand of cigarettes have some form of health risk so why not leave the menthol's a lone.
Tracy Sullivan

Somers, Karen M

From: shannon facey [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 10:28 PM
To: TPSAC

i am a menthol smoker and if it gets banned then a whole lot of companys would loose bussiness because of it. I have tried to smoke a non menthol and it gives me a major headache. I have always smoked it and it never once has caused a problem for me. So please do not get the comanies to stop it.

Somers, Karen M

From: Monique Lobato [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 10:09 PM
To: TPSAC

To Whom It May Concern,
Sientific evidence shows there is no difference between menthol and non-menthol cigarettes. Please do not try to ban Newport Menthols, especially menthol lights!! With the overwhelming price of gas, being banned from smoking period in bars, and dealing with other everyday stresses of life, please let me do what I choose with my own!
Thank You For Your Time,
Monique Smith

Somers, Karen M

From: Dawn Parker [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 10:08 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Save methol cigarettes!

I have heard rumors of methol cigarette's possibly being taken off the market. I have a major problem with this. I have been a customer of Newport for many years. And although, i am not proud of this. I feel like I should have the option to smoke whatever I choose. I am adult and feel like I should have the option to smoke whatever I choose. Thank you for your time.

Somers, Karen M

From: Christa Watson [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 10:04 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol

Dear Public Servant,

I have the right to make my own decisions. Solve world hunger or end this war. Leave our cigarettes alone.

Sincerely,

Constituent

Somers, Karen M

From: C. Johnson [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 10:05 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: please read

I have heard you are considering banning menthol in cigarettes. Are you people retarded? You want to ban the harmless menthol and keep the tobacco? Dumb [REDACTED] In

[REDACTED] In accordance with 21 C.F.R. 20.10, the above word has been deleted.

Somers, Karen M

From: Kerry Kreuzer [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 10:04 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol cigarettes

Dear fda; Please do not ban menthol cigarettes. We should have the right to choose whether or not we want to smoke, regular or menthol cigarettes. This is over stepping by the government and there is to much government control as it is over every little thing we do. I am tired of being told don't do this, don't do that by the government. I realize in a civilized world you need rules and regulations but within reason and this is not reasonable. Please do not ban menthol cigarettes. Thank you

Kerry Kreuzer

Somers, Karen M

From: kimjim7777 [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 10:00 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Please do not allow the removal of menthol Cigarettes

Please do not get rid of the menthol cigarettes because when I smoke non menthol I smoke twice as much because I try find some sort of taste, and them my lungs hurt because I smoke too much. With mentol cigarettes I only smoke one every 3 hours, but with non menthol I end up smoking like 3 packs a day. Not to mention how stale they taste!

Jim

Somers, Karen M

From: [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 9:59 PM
To: TPSAC

I have been a menthol smoker for 5 years now and there really isn't, a difference in the cigarettes. I think to ban menthol cigarettes is saying that we as americans cannot choose what we smoke. Whether it menthol or non menthol cancer can strike at any point.
Sent from my BlackBerry® by Boost Mobile

Somers, Karen M

From: larese isaacson [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 9:48 PM
To: TPSAC

I have been smoking menthol cigarettes for a while now and find nothing wrong with them. i do not think you should ban them. thank you.

Somers, Karen M

From: harry siegfried [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 8:57 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol

there is no diffrence in menthol then regular and considering the fact that both kinds of cigirettes can cause cancer and other desises and both can kill you just as fast as eachother i think its up the the public to make the decision not government or sientests to make that judgement call i smoke newports menthol and its my choice by saying i can smoke regular but not menthol it is a violation of my rights as an american the bill of rights protects us from many things including freedom of choice and also the right to baer arms as well but i think in my opinion that you should be more concerned about the guns on the streets that kill people from the innocent to police officers in my city and all across america but your worried about me smoking mentols instead of regular cigarettes that is ridicilious put our money and brillant minds of america to better use and find a cure for ms and diabettes and other crippling things like that not time spent wasted on menthol or not my name is harry siegfried and i am against wasting our tax dollars on such a usless debate such as that thank you for your time and i hope i made an impact of some kind sincerely,

Harry Siegfried III

Somers, Karen M

From: Karen Brown [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 8:53 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

I smoke menthol cigarettes, and I want them to stay on the market. In my opinion, the available research does not justify increased regulation. I respectfully request that you treat menthol and non-menthol cigarettes the same. Keep them out of the hands of children (under 21) as you would any cigarette.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED] (b) (6)

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 8:40 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Fwd: Newport Cigarettes

This is the second time I am sending a message in an attempt to appeal to you to discontinue your efforts to prevent the production of Newport menthol cigarettes. I am a newport kings smoker. I respect others choice not to smoke and would like you to respect my decision to smoke. I smoke at home and in my car. Please allow me this simple pleasure.

Thank you,

Dawn Chapple

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: (b) (6)
To: "tpsac" <tpsac@fda.hhs.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 3:55:16 PM
Subject: Newport Cigarettes

To Whom It May Concern:

The government does not need to ban menthol cigarettes. Everyone is aware of the risks and should be able to make their own decisions on what they want to purchase. Please discontinue your efforts to remove Newport cigarettes from the market.

Thank you,

DLC

Somers, Karen M

From: Vicki Emond [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 8:31 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes Ban??

This is crazy to ban Menthol Cigarettes! Unfortunately I have been smoking Menthol Cigarettes for ove 30 years. If you ban Menthol Cigarettes more people will be looking for Menthol in other countries, Indian Reservations, anywhere where there still are Menthol Cigarettes. If you do this, are you going to pay to help everybody who smokes Menthol quit. There's no way I'm going to smoke non-menthol. So pay to help me quit!

Instead of banning cigarettes, why aren't you looking to ban BEER at Football Games, Baseball games, and all Events. Drinking KILLS more people than cigarettes! I can't believe people get so drunk at Events and YOU let them drive away swerving all over the road killing innocent people!

Please don't get rid of Menthol Cigarettes. It's MY choice to smoke and I know the health risks of smoking. It's my RIGHT!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Vicki L. Emond

Somers, Karen M

From: Amy [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 8:31 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Don't ban menthol!

As a consumer I am enraged at the governments attempt to ban menthol cigarettes. Smoking is a legal activity and the flavor I choose is not the governments concern. Your research has shown that menthol cigarettes are no worse health wise than nonmenthol . And even if they were it's my body and I should have the right to decide what goes into it! Stop taking away our rights to choose!

Sincerely,
Amy Persenaire
Concerned American citizen

Somers, Karen M

From: Jane Leloff [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 8:20 PM
To: TPSAC

please leave what we smoke are choice

Somers, Karen M

From: Stacia Banta [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 8:14 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: PLEASE do not banning menthol !!

Please Do Not ban menthol cigarettes! As a smoker of Newport 100's. Newport 100's are the only kind I enjoy smoking very much .I think it is very unfair for people to be able make a decision based on what other people do. It is my choice to smoke Newport ciggarettes based on flavor . No one makes me smoke Newport I choose to and I also choose menthol .Please reconsider your decision and put into consideration what others may enjoy even if it is an unhealthychoice. Just remember no one forces anyone smoke. Many choices in life that are made not all people agree on but that does not mean you take it away because you do not agree.No one should have that right. As far as I now there is NO difference in smoking menthol or non menthol other then flavor and that is the flavor I choose.I am very sad that this has become an issue.I also hope that this does not happen. I hope that I can continue to enjoy my menthol cigarettes like I always have. PLEASE take into consideration my feeling on this matter when you make a decision .I appreciate you taking the time to read this if you did. Please try to put your feet in our shoes (menthol smokers) and consider our feelings.Please Do Not Ban Menthol

*Thank you,
Stacia*

\$*SLB*\$

Somers, Karen M

From: [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 8:04 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: My choice

Where are our rights? It should be my decision if I want to smoke menthol cigarettes. If it is bad for me, then that is my decision.
Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

Somers, Karen M

From: Bill Fuhrmann [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 7:52 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: MENTHOL CIGARETTES

I am a smoker and over the age of 21. DO NOT BAN MENTHOL CIGARETTES

Somers, Karen M

From: ryan sullivan [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 7:44 PM
To: TPSAC

i am a newport menthol smoker and have been for years. i have regular check-ups and my lungs are still in pretty good shape. please do not put any kind of ban on menthol cigarettes.

Somers, Karen M

From: howie2 [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 7:41 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol is all i smoke

I've heard they are looking into banning menthol cigarettes. All I've ever smoked is menthol! "specifically Newport brand" I'd like to participate in any study on this. Any way I can help save My rights as an American to smoke what I want. Please contact me by email if there is any questions or comments.

Somers, Karen M

From: Jennifer Ehlers [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 7:35 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol ciggarettes

To whom it may concern;

I am a smoker of menthol ciggarettes. I understand the risks accompanied with smoking. I don't think that if a ciggarette is menthol or not makes that much difference. It slowly kills no matter what. If I want to put myself at risk I should have the right to do so just as much as the person who wants to do that without menthol. Thanks,
Jennifer M. Voss

Somers, Karen M

From: WESLEY BURKES [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 7:28 PM
To: TPSAC

Can this even legally be done? Anyway to say that one cigarette is worst for you than another, is to also say that some cigarettes are better for you than others.....hmmmmm are you ready to say that and can it be proven one way or the other by using the Scientific method?

Somers, Karen M

From: Winona Opsahl [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 7:10 PM
To: TPSAC

Leave menthol cigarettes alone!! Like non menthol smokers we menthol smokers choose to smoke. I choose to smoke menthol. It is my body< my right. I don't think one is better for me. I know that they are bad but I still choose to smoke menthol! I think that if a ban is put on menthol cigarettes it will cause alot of people to resort to whatever means are possible to get them. I personally cannot stand non menthol cigarettes!!!! I believe many people are like this. Why do we always have to fix whats not broken??? Leave it be.

Thank you,

Winona Opsahl

Somers, Karen M

From: [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 7:08 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Newport

To whom this may concern: I am a smoke of Newport brand cigarettes for the past 8 years, I'm 38 years old and I feel that my rights are being taken away from me, that my decision is not mine to make if I smoke menthol or not. Please leave this up to the smokers, who are also adult voters! You have no right to make my choices in my life. I'm well aware of all the risk of smoking, so leave this choice to me.

[REDACTED] (b) (6) Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

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Somers, Karen M

From: sebrina lewis [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 7:05 PM
To: TPSAC

You are hurting the consumer not the tobacco industry. These so called studies increase the cost of cigarettes to the consumer, where in fact if a person prefers menthol there is nothing that could convince them to change thier preference. Please allow AMERICAN citizens to make thier own choices and stop trying to become dictators.

Sincerely,

Sebrina Lewis

Somers, Karen M

From: Michael Strock [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 7:04 PM
To: TPSAC
Cc: [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Subject: menyhol cigarettes

leave us alone its none of you business what brand or type of cigarette i smoke

Somers, Karen M

From: Melissa Hortman [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 6:55 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

To Whom It May Concern,

When I originally began smoking, I smoked Malboro non-menthol. I began smoking Newports when I was unable to smoke a Malboro because of a sore throat! This was in 1997 and I have continued to smoke Newport menthol. I am asking that the possible ban on menthol cigarettes be abolished and not put into action! Newport menthols are the only cigarettes that I enjoy smoking! I ask that you take the menthol smokers inot consideration before banning our choice of cigarettes!

Sincerely,
Melissa D Pettigrew

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 6:51 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Keep menthol legal!!!

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Red

Please don't take away my right to choose what flavor of cancer stick I want to smoke!!! There are health hazards with pretty much any chemical concoction that man has manufactured. EVERYONE is aware of the risks of using tobacco product. If CONCLUSIVE evidence is found that menthol "may" increase health risks in "some" users, then the only action that needs to be taken is an additional warning label on menthol products. HEY!!! I have a GREAT idea!! Let's put warning labels and ridiculous tax increases on foods that contain "additives" and "preservatives" that are known to cause an increase in health risks. And make the food industry list the exact amount of [redacted] in they add. That way Americans can make informed decisions about what they are putting in their bodies, as well as the bodies of their loved ones. That way when they are doing their meal planning for the month, day, week, etc..they can make sure that they are only ingesting the horrible chemicals at a "safe" recommended level. And since the [redacted] is in virtually everything you eat...this is pretty relevant information to have. Here is a link to an article that explains this better.
<http://naturalhealthzine.com/the-dangers-of-food-additives-and-preservatives/>

Ooh! Another GREAT idea...let's put a heavy tax on textile industry!!! The fumes given off by new carpet, upholstery, flooring, PEVA, etc are very commonly at levels that are toxic. And it takes a while for the fumes to decrease to a level that is "acceptable". How about we ban those chemicals, or regulate the levels that are in the final product that consumers are in contact with, or at least make the public aware of the risks!

In accordance with 21 C.F.R. 20.10, the above words have been deleted.

Thank you,
Christina Fletchall; registered voter [redacted]

Somers, Karen M

From: DONNA SCOTT (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 6:35 PM
To: TPSAC

i enjoy my menthol cigarettes. please let them be.

Somers, Karen M

From: Patrick Cesarek [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 6:28 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Re: Banning menthol cigarettes?

There are so many other things in life to pursue to destroy.... perhaps liquor? How many deaths and unrelated deaths occur each year because of drunk drivers? How many deaths are related to prescription drug overdoses? What about the deaths that occur due to smoking regular cigarettes? Are any of these things different? I think not.... There is no reason to ban menthol cigarettes..... If you really care about how many deaths occur by any substance abuse, then either attack them all and get rid of everything all at once.... or just leave it alone and let it thin the herd.....

Sincerely,
Patrick Charles Cesarek

Somers, Karen M

From: david derks [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 6:27 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol cigarettes

Is this still a somewhat free country or isn't it. I will decide what I choose to subject my body to not the [REDACTED] In government.

[REDACTED] In accordance with 21 C.F.R. 20.10, the above word has been deleted.

Somers, Karen M

From: Rina Mickiewicz [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 6:20 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol cigaretts

To who it may concern,
I have been smoking menthol cigs. for 32 years and I do not wat to change due to the dry taste of regular cigs.
Thank you , Rich

Somers, Karen M

From: valerie kuykendall [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 6:15 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol cigarettes

I got an email from Newport asking me to send you an eletter to save menthol cigarettes from being banned. a year ago I would have done that. [REDACTED] (b) (6)

[REDACTED] but after smoking for 37 years, even with all this, I still haven't been able to quit. One thing I have been able to do is stop the menthol and now smoke reg cigarettes. It does make a difference, the menthol is much harder on my lungs than the reg. I wish you could make smoking go away all together, that may be the only way some of us smokers can stop is if it's against the law to buy cigarettes at all.

Somers, Karen M

From: jennifer pfeiffer [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 6:14 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol ban

To whom it may concern,
I am a menthol cigarette smoker and do not think it is right for anyone to tell me not to be. The last time I checked this was a free country. If you were trying to ban all cigarettes, that would be understandable. As smokers we all know they are unhealthy, but no one has the right to tell us which type to smoke. Do not ban menthol unless you plan to ban all cigarettes. That would be the same as banning gold or silver, they are just as unhealthy as the full flavor type.

Jenny Pfeiffer
[REDACTED] (b) (6)

Somers, Karen M

From: Lucas Patterson [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 6:13 PM
To: TPSAC

if menthol isnt any worse than non menthol then why get rid of them there will be a very big loss in tax money and if you take away menthol then its only fair that you take away all ciggarettes you will have lots of protesters because menthol is probably more popular than non menthol dont get rid of them

Somers, Karen M

From: Evil Disciple [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 6:12 PM
To: TPSAC

Do not ban menthol Ciggarettes

Somers, Karen M

From: Michael sanders [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 6:05 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: newports ciggarets

yes i am a regular smoker of newport menthols. im very completly satisfied with them. im am writing on the behalf of newport. not to take them off the market. thanks

Somers, Karen M

From: Edwin S Funk Jr [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 6:01 PM
To: TPSAC

Dear FDA,
Is it because you are trying to save just black people because you know that the majority of methaol smokers are african american?Non mehaol cigaetts kill too, and in the same way....whats wrong with you people?

Somers, Karen M

From: Edwin S Funk Jr [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 5:58 PM
To: TPSAC

Dear FDA, please leave methoal cigaretts alone we all know cigarettes are bad for us so if we chose to smoke them rather than non-methal cigaretts, who cares they all kill us. If you want to do something ban ALCOHOL. sincerely Sophia Cowart

Somers, Karen M

From: Mary Guevarez [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 5:52 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol

lots of people like the menthol

<http://us.i1.yimg.com/us.yimg.com/i/mesg/tsmileys2/01.gif>Mary
<http://us.i1.yimg.com/us.yimg.com/i/mesg/tsmileys2/40.gif>

Somers, Karen M

From: william faehndrich [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 5:51 PM
To: TPSAC

good day, as a smoker for most of my life , started teens, 63 today, smoking non-menthol and menthol, i have not seen any difference to my health. my doctor at regular exams stated " no difference" . banning menthol is not going to make any change to smokers, i have not seen any evidence to the fact that menthol is any worse for then regular cigs. i hope that you do not try ban menthol cigs. thank you, william faehndrich

Somers, Karen M

From: Arthur Mayen [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 5:34 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

In my humble opinion the menthol cigarettes or no less or more dangerous then non Menthol Cigarettes, So if people want to die smoking Menthol or non-menthol cigarettes it should be their choice How would they like to die

Regards

Arthur Mayen
[REDACTED] (b) (6)

Somers, Karen M

From: Lisa Dorsey [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 5:26 PM
To: TPSAC

I truly enjoy smoking Newport 100's and do not want them banned.

Thank you in advance.

Lisa Dorsey

Somers, Karen M

From: [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 5:25 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: BANNING MENTHOL CIGS

Good Afternoon.

My name is Shari Miller. I am a manager at a Wilson Farm's convenience store. I am writing to ask you to reconsider in your decision to ban menthol cigarettes. I believe if you were to ban menthol cigarettes, you should ban them all.

There are many menthol smokers in the United States. If the issue is chemicals, then why don't they make the manufacturers of the menthol production cut down on the chemicals.

Cigarettes have been around for many years and in all that time they have added a lot of chemicals to the papers that tobacco is wrapped in. Why has this not been addressed as well???

They have spent a lot of money to change names to all the products, ie. gold, silver...why has the above not been addressed?

The tax payers (not only in New York) deserve to still have "Freedom Of Choice". Unfortunately, this choice seems to be taken away from us more and more everyday.

In ending, please reconsider your decision to ban menthol cigarettes.

An Interested Party

Shari Miller

Somers, Karen M

From: Khristy Hernandez [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 5:00 PM
To: TPSAC

i believe menthol has no difference as a non menthol cigarette all will eventually have ill fate for ppl.... But i believe we all should be able too choose what we want and not have scientist choose for us!!

Somers, Karen M

From: Jennifer Gushee [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 4:59 PM
To: TPSAC

Please do not band menthol cigarettes.

Somers, Karen M

From: Michael Skiles [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 4:47 PM
To: TPSAC; TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

I think it is ridiculous to even consider putting more restrictions and taxes on cigarettes. As a smoker I have the right to choose whatever cigarette I choose to smoke. Menthol cigarettes have been on the market for many years. How can you possibly ban menthol cigarettes without banning cigarettes entirely? Taking away menthol cigarettes now would be unfair to menthol smokers. I understand the risks of smoking, as so many smokers, however, the FDA should not have the right to take away the freedom of the smoker. It would be different if menthol cigarettes were a relatively new product but that is not the case. It is like taking Jack Daniels Single Barrel off the shelf because it has a higher alcohol content than Jack Daniels Black Label. What is the point of taking one off the shelf and not the other. They will both kill and this is coming from a smoker. Thanks for hearing my opinion.

Michael Skiles

Somers, Karen M

From: Monique Johnson [mojohnson@bhpnet.org]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 4:46 PM
To: TPSAC

Look its one thing to tell us where and when we can smoke, but when cigarettes are darn near \$7.00 a pack, and we free willingly buy them, then you all need to back up off of us. Gee, Whats next? I bet something stupid. Menthol??? Are you people nuts?? Just take cigarettes off the market... yeah Right, then you guys won't make any money. Leave us MENTHOL SMOKERS ALONE. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

Monique Johnson

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Somers, Karen M

From: Charlene Rodriguez [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 4:27 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: MENTOL CIGARETTES

YOU DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE WHAT BRAND OF CIGARETTES PEOPLE SMOKE. THAT'S WHY WE LIVE IN AMERICA TO HAVE THE FREEDOM OF CHOICE. I HAVE SMOKE MENTHOL FOR 25 YEARS AND I DON'T BELIEVE IT'S FAIR FOR SOMEONE TO TELL ME I CAN'T SMOKE THEM ANYMORE.

Somers, Karen M

From: Jeanette Lewis [redacted] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 4:18 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Keep newport menthol cigs

Somers, Karen M

From: Andrea Williams [redacted] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 4:16 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Right to smoke

I am writing in regards to people trying regulate or discontinu smoking people have the right to smoke or not to smoke.
This is every american's choice.

do not take this away

Andrea Williams

Somers, Karen M

From: Sheala Priester [redacted] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 4:11 PM
To: TPSAC

Please don't ban menthol cigarettes, I've been smoking for 11 years, and have never had a problem, i got sick when i smoked non menthol though because they are more harsh...thanx for listening...Sheala Priester

Somers, Karen M

From: RICK C [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 4:09 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol cigarettts

dear sirs,

it has come to my attention that menthol cigarettts are being considered a health risk more than non-menthol. that would be like saying dark beer is less healthy than light. it doesnt make sense. there is no facts to uphold that decision. I have smoked menthol all my life and wish to continue doing so. please dont change things just for the sake of change. keep the menthol.

thank you, richard carney

Somers, Karen M

From: Bobby Neal [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 4:09 PM
To: TPSAC

Bobby j [REDACTED] (b) (6)

Somers, Karen M

From: Nichole Voshell [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 4:08 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol cigarettes

Please ban them!

Sent from my iPad

Somers, Karen M

From: Anthony R. Pazda [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 4:07 PM
To: TPSAC

Menthol is ok.

Somers, Karen M

From: JESS CRAWFORD [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 4:03 PM
To: TPSAC

I am writing because I am a Newport menthol smoker, and i would be concerned if there were more health risks involved, compared to non menthol. But if this was unfounded, what is the sense of pursuing the ban? I think this study came up to be a waste of time and money, and whoever suggested this, will do anything to just be right. That is not right, and if this is approved, a lot of people will be upset. We have the right to smoke whatever cigarettes we want, just like people can drink whatever alcohol they want, despite the health issues. Thanks for your time, Jessica Crawford

Somers, Karen M

From: theressa C. Levine [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 4:02 PM
To: TPSAC

Please let Newport continue to sell menthol cigarettes. There is not enough evidence to prove that menthol cigarettes is the same as non-menthol cigarettes. Thank you.

Theressa C. Levine
[REDACTED] (b) (6)

Somers, Karen M

From: Victorias Mommy [redacted] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 4:00 PM
To: TPSAC

There should be no difference between menthol and non menthol. If you are going to ban one, then ALL should be banned.

Somers, Karen M

From: Jimmy Pop [redacted] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 3:59 PM
To: TPSAC

dont take away my menthol ciggarettes
law makers already make us smoke outside in the cold
full flavor ciggarettes in
you guys need to be curing aids
not what your doing now

In accordance with 21 C.F.R. 20.10, the above word has been deleted.

Somers, Karen M

From: norma barrow [redacted] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 3:58 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: newport menthol cigaretttes

I believe there is no difference in menthol cigarettes and non menthol cigarettes. My doctor said both are bad for you. Leave Newport menthol alone.

Somers, Karen M

From: SHARON BLAZER [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 3:53 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: our rights.Menthol cigs.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

i WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHY WE ARE NOT OR ARE BEING TOLD ANOTHER RIGHT OF OURS IS BEING TAKEN AWAY.mENTHOL cIGERATES,THAT'S MY CHOICE NOT YOURS AND AGAIN THE US IS NOT A FREE COUNTRY,WE ARE BECOMING A COMMUNIST COUNTRY. sOON YOU WILL TELL US WHEN AND HOW TO DO EVERYTHING,OH WAIT YOU ALREADY DO.

WHAT ABOUT ALCHOL? THAT KILLS PEOPLE EVERYDAY ALSO.PEOPLE DRIVE DRUNK WITH AND WITHOUT KIDS AND OTHER PEOPLE IN THEIR CAR..aMOUNST LIVER PROBLEMS AND OTHER MAJOR FACTOR'S.this IS JUST ANOTHER WAY TO SHOW POWER.yOU ARE TAKEN ALL OUR RIGHTS AWAY.i AM BEGINNING TO HATE THE GOVERMENT WAYS.yOU USE OUR HARD EARNED TAX DOLLARS FOR ABORITION CLINICS ,WHY ARENT THEY USED FOR WHAT US TAX PAYERS REALLY NEED.oH AGAIN THAT MIGHT BE A GOOD IDEA.

THIS IS STUPID TO TRY AND TAKE OUR SMOKING MENTHOL CIG. AWAY.LEAVE US ALONE WE WILL QUIT WHEN WE ARE READY.YEARS AGO THIS WAS NOT EVEN THE CASE.AND YOU WILL FIND OUT YOU ARE WRONG AGAIN,SOMEHOW SOMEWAY.

PLEASE DON'T TAKE AWAY MY MENTHOL

CIGERATES,,

SHARON VELAZQUEZ

Somers, Karen M

From: [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 3:41 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Methol cigarettes

This idea of banning flavored cigarettes is completely ludicrous. The United States is based on individuals having the right to free will. So if people choose to smoke flavored tobacco, they should have the free will to do so.

Thanks!

Rahul Bhajjan

Sent via BlackBerry Torch by AT&T

Somers, Karen M

From: Linda Carson [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 12:53 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: taxes on menthols

Please do not raise ANY MORE TAXES on cigarettes. You are singling out one segment of the population for unjust tax increases. Tax the drug dealers. Tax the escorts, the drinkers and leave smokers alone for once.

Somers, Karen M

From: Wendricks, Rachel [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 3:36 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Newport smoker

I want menthol cigarettes! Don't band. We should have freedom of choice if you band menthol then you would have to band all cigarettes. I'm a smoking and it is a choice that is why I live in America!!

Thanks

Rachel Wendricks

[REDACTED] (b) (6)

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Somers, Karen M

From: Tamesha Scott [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 3:33 PM
To: TPSAC

To be real with you menthol is way better than non-menthol. And when you think about it, which one makes more money Menthol or non- Menthol. If I was you I would keep Menthol around, I know about the health reasons and all but if you think about it, the earth is already filled with polution, so why worry yourself over Menthol or Non-Menthol cause you still going to die any way, so why not die going out the way you want to.. If it wasn't for New Ports, I would be somewhere where I don't need to be .. New Ports save my life many times

Somers, Karen M

From: squawkerz [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 3:31 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: FDA Committee - Menthol Cigarettes

To Whom It May Concern:

Please do not ban and/or restrict menthol cigarettes.

Truly yours,

Christopher Akinyemi

Somers, Karen M

From: stacey osborne [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 3:22 PM
To: TPSAC

My name is Stacey Osborne, Newport menthol is the only cigarette I smoke. Please do not discontinue this brand. Cigarettes are legal and for some are a stress reliever.

Thank You

Somers, Karen M

From: Shelby Stockinger [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 3:13 PM
To: TPSAC

From what I've all read there is no difference in the long term affect from menthol or non-menthol cigarettes. As for me personally I per-fer menthol I literally get sick from non-menthol ones. Getting rid of menthol isn't going to change people smoking or not. It's our choice and we all know the side affects that come from it. Banning menthol cigarettes isn't worth it people will still smoke no matter what!!!!

Somers, Karen M

From: Rhonda Tarver [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 3:13 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Nobody's business

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I am a 48 year old woman, who has been smoking since my early twenties .I feel that no one has the right to tell me what or how I can or should do things . I am old enough to make my own decision; I don't need you to tell me that I can only smoke regular and not menthol cigarettes.

Thank you, Rhonda

BLACK QUEEN

Somers, Karen M

From: michael brazelton [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 3:10 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: NEWPORT

KEEP NEWPORT , DONOT STOP THEM PLEASE

Somers, Karen M

From: Betty Samuels [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 3:08 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Tabaaco and Methinol

Hello,

My name is Betty White-Samuels, i am a 38 year old smoker. I know the cause and effect of smoking and what it does to the human body. I pay taxes and my own healthcare bills. The pursuit of happiness is that I can smoke, just as long as it is legal and not causing any harm to anyone. I respect the wishes of establishments that banish smoking but when I'm home I enjoy my cigarettes. I ask that you leave this topic up to the consumers that can afford to enjoy a cigarette.

Please!

" Learning is a tool, that can be used today, tomorrow, and beyond"

Betty Samuels

Somers, Karen M

From: Ebony Gomez [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 3:02 PM
To: TPSAC

Why band menthol cigerretts? Regardless if they're menthol or not all tobacco proctects are harmful to your health. As a smoker are right to smoke is slowly being taken away from us. We're not allowed to smoke in a public place anymore & now cars are being built to be smoke free. I thought this country was built for us to have rights & for us to be free to exercise those rights without the government telling us our every move. I'm a menthol smoker & I feel my civil rights are being threatened as an individual. I chose to smoke Menthol Newports. Which is my choice to do so not yours.

[REDACTED] (b) (6)

Somers, Karen M

From: Jolie Parlich [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 2:57 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: dont ban menthol cigs

im not really sure why your trying to get rid of menthol cigaretts but as far as i know there is no difference between regular and menthol. if you want to get rid of something get rid of alcholl that kills more people in a year than cigaretts. ban acholl

Somers, Karen M

From: catherine hardesty [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 2:50 PM
To: TPSAC

Why are you intruding into adults personal lives's? We do not need anymore goverment intrustion in our personal lives's. You have already made us fell like second class-no make that fourth class citizens with your smoking bans and clean indoor air act's. why don't you just try to keep the food safe? YOU CAN'T DO THAT EVEN RIGHT!!!! So please get your nose out of my business and let us go back to being america. NO MORE SERGRAGATION and/or DISCRIMANATION FOR SMOKERS PLEASE GET OUT OF OUR LIVES.

Somers, Karen M

From: Druick Cooper [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 2:47 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Save menthols

I have smoked newports for almost 10 years and altho i have had brief periods of full flavors i still prefore and enjoy my menthols and its my personal opinion that they should not be changed or taken away

Sent from my iPhone

Somers, Karen M

From: Ray Valentin [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 2:46 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: restriction or ban on menthol cigarettes

To who it may concern,

In my opinion there is no difference between menthol and non-menthol they both do the same. If you are trying to ban menthol....then you might as well ban all cigarettes. You are taking away our right to chose which we prefer, this is not right, we should all have a right to choose what we want; be it menthol or non. But this is our choice not yours to make. Obtaining the research to help us make a wise decision is helpful but it does not give the right to take it away from us because you decided to.

Thank You.
Ray

Somers, Karen M

From: Akhu Hallu [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 2:44 PM
To: TPSAC

i am a cigarette smocker more than 15 years minthol cigarette is thesame like the reglare cigarette

Somers, Karen M

From: Joseph Carazola [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 2:36 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: reply to newport

I have been a menthol cigarette smoker for over twenty years and would be greatly disappointed if the FDA intended to limit ban them, they help me get through my days.

Joe Carazola
menthol cigarette smoker

Somers, Karen M

From: bradley born [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 2:36 PM
To: TPSAC
Cc: bradley born
Subject: menthol cigarettes

My name is Bradley R. Born Please don't take the menthol cigs. off the market. Thank You. 3-3-2011. 1:35 PM. Bye

Somers, Karen M

From: Talresse Ivey [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 2:30 PM
To: TPSAC

Don't ban Newport menthol cigarettes.

Somers, Karen M

From: Jerri Thomas [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 2:26 PM
To: TPSAC

It is my opinion that menthol cigarettes are no different in the way of harming you more than non-menthol cigarettes. If you ban one you should ban the other no question about it. This includes the popular brand Marlboro red cigarettes which have dropped in sales because Newport is preferred. Just like Kool's and Salem's. I have tried non-menthol and it seems much harsher than menthol hands down. This is a better choice cigarette.

God Bless you
Mrs. Jerri Thomas

Somers, Karen M

From: Burn's mail [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 2:20 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: TOBACO

PLEASE LEAVE TOBACCO ALONE!!

Somers, Karen M

From: Aleaha Lam [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 2:20 PM
To: TPSAC

To whom it may concern,

My name is Leaha Lam i am a smoker of newport ciggarettts. And i dont think its fair that anyone should be able to smoke whatever type of ciggarettts i want to. Im an adult an i have rights.

Sent via Cricket Mobile Email

Somers, Karen M

From: Bill Hadden [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 2:13 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol cigarettes

I've been smoking Newport menthol cigarettes for 20 + years and my health is no worse than someone who smokes non-menthol cigarettes so PLEASE don't ban menthol cigarettes!

A LOYAL MENTHOL SMOKER!
William H. Hadden

Somers, Karen M

From: CHRIS JOHNSON [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 2:11 PM
To: TPSAC

I Know in a perfect world we should all stop smoking but it's not perfect so with that being said newport menthol is what me and everyone i know smoke .plz do not stop making the menthol newport. thank you .

Somers, Karen M

From: Gloria Smith [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 2:06 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

Attachments: image001.jpg

A menthol cigarette is just another cigarette — and should be treated no differently. Menthol cigarettes simply give adult smokers a taste choice.

Somers, Karen M

From: Denise Maxwell [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 2:02 PM
To: TPSAC
Cc: denisemaxwell09@yahoo.com
Subject: Smokers

To whom it may concern i have been smoking newports for over 25 years and i truly believe that they arent hurting me any worst than if i smoked a non menthol . Whatever the reason your trying to stop menthol cigarettes from being made is wrong because menthol non menthol are the same they both are killers.

Somers, Karen M

From: EVELYN AASEN [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 2:01 PM
To: TPSAC

im a smoker. and it dont matter if they are menthol or not, i chose to smoke. whatever damage to my lungs is there by my own doing. not the tobacco company. you are always down on the tobacco companys for this or that. well, how about the alcohol companies? alcohol kills more people in a days time than do cigarettes. alcohol takes out innocent children and people every hour of the day so why dont you ride the alcohol companies like you do the tobacco companies? leave our newports alone. we smokers know what we are doing and choose to continue to do it. our lives are in our hands to do with what we wish. unlike the innocent people killed daily by some drunk driver.

Somers, Karen M

From: Limps office [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 1:52 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Mental ban

Why are you so worried about banning menthol cigarettes? Soon we won't be able to afford them. Stop selling all cigarettes if they are so harmful to the health of America. But no you won't do that cause then you won't have a job. Or will you find something else to pick on. The whole government system is a joke.

Let people be happy, most of us don't have money, live from pay check to pay check, don't have a job and if we do then our pay is being cut. Why is the government agency so worried about people smoking not worried about the state of the world when people of the same sex thinks it's okay to get married.

Somers, Karen M

From: Lynda Sequichie [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 1:52 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol cigs

If you cut out menthol cigarettes then you should cut them all - menthol has no more dangerous 2nd hand smoke than any other - why not start with cigars?

Sincerely

Lynda Sequichie

[REDACTED] (b) (6)
[REDACTED]

Somers, Karen M

From: jacquelyn michelle [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 1:39 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: PLEASE BAN THE MENTHOL CIGARETTES!!!!

I agree with you banning menthol newport cigarettes. I hope you do so you give me a reason to stop smoking and taking years off of my life. I am not strong willed enough to stop on my own, but I can not smoke non-menthol cigarettes because they give me a head ache. Thank you so much for reading this!!!

Somers, Karen M

From: ROBERT HEATON [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 1:30 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol cigarettes

Everything I read indicates that menthol in cigarettes is no worse than plain tobacco.

Somers, Karen M

From: Gustavo Fontanills [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 1:23 PM
To: TPSAC

Newport is the best mentol cigarrete in USA

Somers, Karen M

From: Amanda M. [amandam@abbottrubber.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 1:12 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Opposing Menthol ban

I oppose the menthol ban. I am a smoker of menthol cigarettes . I like them and want to continue to smoke them it is my chose and I choose to do it!!!

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Somers, Karen M

From: michael dorow [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 1:07 PM
To: TPSAC
Cc: [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Subject: MENTHOL CIGARETTES

to who this letter may concern,

which of course is all of us cigarette smokers, right? now what i have to say is this... "ALL THE [REDACTED] IN, NON-SMOKERS & THE GOVERNMENT HVE GOT TO LEARN TO STOP PUSHING US CIGARETTE SMOKERS AROUND, BECAUSE THIS IS TOTALLY [REDACTED] IN!!! they got it so we can't smoke in public placs now they want to take away our menthol??? for us serious smokers we need our menthol..." I VOTE TOO KEEP IN THE MENTHOL AND EVERY KIND OF CIGARETTE THERE IS IN THE MARKET...US CIGARETTE SMOKERS HAVE OUR RIGHTS TOO!!!!" WE WANT MENTHOL-WE WANT MENTHOL-WE WANT MENTHOL -WE WANT MENTHOL!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

[REDACTED] In accordance with 21 CFR 20.10, the above words have been deleted.

Somers, Karen M

From: Amanda Burian [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 1:04 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Do not ban Menthol

Some people chose to drink some people sky dive almost everyone drives isn't it all hazardous at some point?? I Don't want menthol banned .. Should we ban Everything that Could prove to be hazardous????

Somers, Karen M

From: april morris [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 12:49 PM
To: TPSAC

In think the fda should read all the facts and stop trying to scare the public. Let it be up to the individual rather they want mentol or non menthol. Last i checked this was America!

Somers, Karen M

From: Eileen Glynn [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 12:45 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: No Ban

Leave my Newport's alone they are the last vice I have!! Fix the economy

Somers, Karen M

From: Sandra Adams [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 12:46 PM
To: TPSAC

please keep Newport Menthol

Somers, Karen M

From: daniel galaviz [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 12:41 PM
To: TPSAC

its are right as people we want newport menthol ciggerates. its the same as any other ciggerate its are choice to smoke. u people are acting like communist isnt this america the land of free. god put it there for that purpose we choose weather not to or to do so. i think u guys at fda are going over board. ^{In} [REDACTED] communist thats what u guys are acting like now.
acco

In accordance with 21 CFR 20.10, the above word has been deleted.

Somers, Karen M

From: Brandon Riddle [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 12:37 PM
To: TPSAC

Just another thing in our life that you take away! The land of the free, ha! Soon we will have to call the gov just to see what is for dinner!

-- Sent from my Palm Pixi

Somers, Karen M

From: The Store [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 12:33 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Flavor

I can not believe you want to stop the sale of menthol cigarettes due to the flavoring, what is next? Will you pull menthol flavored cough drops off the shelf, it seems only fare. I think the GOVERNMENT has poked its nose into enough of my/our lives and the American people should have the right to choose !!!!!!!

Thank You,

S Richards

Somers, Karen M

From: Samuel Shoemaker [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 12:32 PM
To: TPSAC

i was a menthol smoker and i beleabe that if you are going to judge menthol cigarettes then be far and judge non menthols as well

Somers, Karen M

From: Sharp, Jackie [Jackie.Sharp@ARS.USDA.GOV]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 12:31 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol

Good Morning,

I understand your so-called logic, but those of us who have been smoking over 15 years have grown accustomed to the taste. I personally have tried non menthol cigarettes and I feel like I am sucking air. I want taste so please do not remove the menthol form the cigarettes.

Jacqueline (Jackie) Sharp-Hendrix

Somers, Karen M

From: Kelly Kulis [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 12:22 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigs

Menthol cigarettes seem no worse for you then regular non-menthol cigarettes. The studies show this very clearly. Please vote NO on banning menthol cigarettes!

Somers, Karen M

From: Judi Guenther [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 12:23 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

I rec'd an e-mail from Newport that there is a chance that my government may soon decide that I can not smoke menthol cigarettes (in the "Land of the Free"?). Seriously?

My government tells me that I have to wear a seatbelt, not sure why that is anyone's business but my own.

I am told what kind of light bulbs to buy!! I hear that if one of the new bulbs breaks, I need to get out of the house ASAP. And I can't throw them away, so what am I supposed to do with them? My granddaughter will never make brownies in an Easy Bake oven – because of the type of bulb used!

Didn't our ancestors leave England because their government controlled too much of their personal lives?

Judi Guenther

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Somers, Karen M

From: Sherese Matthews [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 12:21 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

Good morning,

I am emailing about my concern regarding menthol cigarettes, I have smoked menthol cigarettes for about 5 years and I have not ever smoked a non-menthol cigarette. I would love for the tobacco industry to continue making my Newport cigarettes in menthol. Thanks for you attention to this matter.

Sincerely ,

Sherese Matthews

Somers, Karen M

From: Leonel Rodriguez [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 12:18 PM
To: TPSAC

We want menthol

Somers, Karen M

From: Casey Kehoe [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 12:14 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

COMMUNISM- a system of **social organization** in which **all economic and social activity** is **controlled** by a totalitarian state dominated by a single and self-perpetuating political party.

Is this what you are striving for? Excuse me but, why the ban on Menthol Cigarettes? Oh, right- because they are "worse" than non-menthol cigarettes. Wow, this is astounding. Excuse me if I am wrong but, ALL cigarettes are bad for anyone's health. More importantly, how in the [REDACTED] are we, as Americans, going to stand for any cooperation or government party telling us, what kind of car to drive, what kind of light bulbs to use and WHAT KIND OF CIGARETTES we can smoke!? This is just another step toward socialism or communism. AMERICA IS A DEMOCRACY. The cigarettes are not the point. Its the fact that I, as an American citizen am now being told what kind of cigarette i am ALLOWED to smoke. What is next- only decaf coffee, only diet soda, no more pizza joints, or hey, no more alcohol? We all know how that one turned out. This is an outrage and an insult to all the solders whose lives were lost fighting for our freedoms and rites to **choose**. Do Americans even get choices anymore? I am so beside myself with this whole situation. Why not ban all cigarettes, alcohol, fast food, caffiene, or any substance that has the slightest health risk!? Let's go one step further and ban masturbation rites too! You are all a joke and a disgrace to the American way. Why not focus on the drugs, guns, and gambling problems this country has? This ban will only cause everyone more reason to rise against this country. In fact, I wouldn't call America the 'land of the free' anymore. Let's

face it, we should be saying, "America, the pending-communist region."

Somers, Karen M

From: Emelin Santiago [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 12:13 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Leave Menthol alone!

Thanks,
Emelin

Somers, Karen M

From: Andrea Dube [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 11:53 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

I have read and researched enough to know that menthol in no way can harm people
In fact, it's used for medicinal purposes, as I'm sure you are aware.
Menthol Cigarettes can do no more damage than non menthol cigarettes.
In fact, I believe they are better for us.

Juan C Martin

[REDACTED] (b) (6)

Somers, Karen M

From: Shaun [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 12:06 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol smoker

I've been smoking Newports for 8 yrs. There is no other menthol cigarette like it. If you guys ban menthol cigarettes what happens to companies like Newport, Salems? There cigs. Have always been menthol. I'm just here to say if you guys ban menthol, I'll prolly end quitting.

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 12:01 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: DO NOT BAN MENTHOL CIGARETTES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Do not ban menthol cigarettes! If you do so? You are taking our right as legal adults to dismiss choice.

I am not a drinker and I despise alcohol. It kills family members every day on the road regardless what time of day it is. That should be your concern. Alcohol causes liver damage/failure, addiction, impairment, abuse and kills people everyday when drinking and driving. I have lost 2 of my closest friends in the past year. No make that three.. recently a friend was killed on his motor cycle by a drunk driver. Medical Insurance has been chunked up for all these reasons, So don't tell us its a health issue. You could say all these things about obesity as well. Maybe you should close down Taco Bell for clogging arteries or is that the customers choice to get fat, diabetes, high cholesterol and handicap parking stickers because they have become to fat to park 3 spaces from the door to walk in and order that ^{In}supreme taco that got them that way in the first place. If my medical is going to increase? I would like it to take care of me and not some other saps poor choices!!! It is not your right to take away my personal choice to smoke menthol! How many more rights will be taken away to where we are no longer a free country.

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Carrie Christmas

Somers, Karen M

From: Shade, Connie (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 12:01 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol cigarettes

I smoke. And I smoke menthol cigarettes only. I have read the information and cannot see where menthol cigarettes are worse than non-menthol cigarettes. I enjoy the taste of menthol cigarettes. I would very much hate it if the government banned these too. This is a freedom I have—choosing to smoke cigarettes—AND choosing to smoke MENTHOL cigarettes. I hope the U.S. Government doesn't decide to stick its nose into this and take away another freedom from me and from the menthol cigarette smoking U.S. public.

Somers, Karen M

From: Karin Benedict [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 12:00 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: re menthol in the ciggs

please keep the menthol in the ciggaretttes

Karin Benedict

Somers, Karen M

From: geriann [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 11:49 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: please ban

I think it is a great idea to ban menthol cigarette and I think that would be the best!!!

Somers, Karen M

From: rana omar [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 11:47 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarette Ban

I am writing to you today to inform you that I'm all for banning menthol cigarettes. Newport recently sent me an email to object to the banning of menthol cigarettes and asked me to write and email to tpsac@fda.hhs.gov . I wish the FDA would do more and ban all cigarettes. I am a smoker but in recent years I tried to quit but haven't done so. For some strange reason its really hard for me to do. I hope all cigarettes would be banned so then I'd be forced to quit smoking. Thank you
Rana Shaqboua

Somers, Karen M

From: Geornese Willis (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 11:38 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Newport Menthol Cigarettes

Hello,
How dare you tell me what is good for me?
You should not ban menthol cigarettes. I will buy them if they are bann
I hate when the government tells me what to do. I hope you all burn in In!
accor

DO NOT BAN OR RESTRICT MENTHOL CIGARETTES.
DO NOT BAN OR RESTRICT MENTHOL CIGARETTES.

Have a great day,
lis
(b) (6)

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Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 11:29 AM
To: TPSAC

PLEASE DOO NOTTT BAN MENTHOLS! YOU WOULD LOSE A LOT OF MONEY!

Somers, Karen M

From: Sharlene Barns (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 11:28 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: It's your chose...

Yes, I feel like as a smoker I have the right to smoke any brand that they choose. If that's the case what about people that drink alcohol beverages. Should they have to pick from drinking beer vs. liquor etc. Of all the problems this world is facing right know this is what whe have a problem with what a person can and cannot smoke.

"The best and most beautiful things in this world can not be seen or even touched,they must be felt with the heart" <http://us.i1.yimg.com/us.yimg.com/i/mesg/tsmileys2/01.gif>

Somers, Karen M

From: joan knudson [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 11:28 AM
To: TPSAC

Please don't ban menthol cigarettes. The consumer should have a right to chose and all choices should be made available.

Somers, Karen M

From: EdwardEarlEdward [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 11:16 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: (no subject)

Will you people quit meddling in our freedom to choose.

Somers, Karen M

From: Shelly Wilkerson [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 11:16 AM
To: TPSAC

I as a tax paying american hace the right to spend (up to 5.00 a pack)for menthol cigarettes/Ido not like the non-menthol an I wont buy them.So for my money I spend please keep MENTHOL CIGARETTES!
THANK YOU

Somers, Karen M

From: Jennifer Altman [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 11:15 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Banning menthol cigarettes

First of all cigarettes are harming you whether they are menthol or non. I'm not quite sure I understand why the FDA is focusing on menthol. The government should be happy these individuals are smoking because they are benefitting financially. Smokers know the risks that they are taking but choose to smoke regardless. I have been in the health care field for 10 years and have seen first hand what smoking can do to a person or not do to a person whether its menthol or non menthol. I believe it should continue to be the individuals right to smoke and the FDA should not step in on the subject matter.

Thank you for your time of reading this email from a concerned menthol smoker. I'm only one of many believers in this cause.

Somers, Karen M

From: sheila lewis [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 11:14 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol cigarette

I dont believe getting rid of menthol cigarette ia a good idea. I am a smoker and it is my choice. Understand, that everyone should have a right to choose.

Thanks
sheila lewis

Somers, Karen M

From: maryanne m [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 11:14 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: MENTHOL CIGARETTES

We as Americans have a right to personal choice. The sciencitific evidence showed that menthol cigarettes were not harmful.The tests showed no differences. The FDA evaluation should follow only the science evidence and not listen to the political anti-tobacco influences. Let Americans have the right to choice.Thank you,Maryanne Murr

Somers, Karen M

From: Brian Hoberman [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 11:10 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Please ban Menthol Cigarettes

I am writing to urge you to ban all menthol cigarettes. They mask the bad taste of tobacco and other chemicals in cigarettes and make it easier for kids to start smoking and for current smokers to continue doing so.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Brian Hoberman

[REDACTED] (b) (6)

Somers, Karen M

From: gina pignato [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 11:02 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol

DO NOT BAN MENTHOL CIGARETTES, THEY ARE NO MORE HARMFUL. DO NOT BAN MENTHOL THEY ARE NO MORE HARMFUL.
THANK YOU

Somers, Karen M

From: Yvonne Simmons [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 11:01 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Mentol cigarettes

I am a Menthol cigarette smoker. I know that cigarettes of any kind are bad for your health, but until I am able to quit I would like to continue to smoke the cigarettes that I prefer. I know that I am not the only smoker who feels this way.

Somers, Karen M

From: Ryan Clerkley [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 11:00 AM
To: TPSAC
Cc: [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Subject: Menthol

DON'T STOP MENTHOL cigarettes are bad, there isn't a difference!! Your just going to have a lot of [REDACTED] in OFF PPL!!! Just because half of u don't smoke u want to stop us, well that's your accorda this is mines!!

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Somers, Karen M

From: Moody, Ed (DOES) [ed.moody@dc.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 10:58 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

As a menthol cigarette smoker, I would like to review the findings of your year-long study on Menthol Cigarettes vs. Non Menthol Cigarettes.

Thank you in advance,

Ed Moody

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Somers, Karen M

From: Eddie Carreras [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 10:55 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cig.

Dear Sir's,

I've been aware of this menthol situation for a few weeks now, I'm 57 yrs old & have been smoking menthol for over half of my life, thank God I don't have an extra arm growing out of my head, nor has my love life suffered from it! I pay my tax's for every single pack that my wife and I smoke!

First, you took our rights to smoke in public places, and now I'm aware the parks may be included and now you want to take menthol off the market, if thats the case then why stop there, make smoking illegal altogether! Also take alcohol of the market, thats a better idea!

As a concern smoker, I ask, please leave the last habit I have on this planet alone!

Respectfully;
Edward Carreras

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 10:51 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol cigarettes

iv smoked menthol for many years now and i cough less than with nonmentholed i think it is rediculous that you all are trying to ban cigs when there are more deaths from alcohol and you do nothing for the drinkers like you do for tobacco you have raised the taxes on tabacco and alcohol has had no such tax increase in twenty years.you say we have the right to do as we want but yet you impose your beliefs upon us who do not wish to quit smoking. you dont have the right to dictate to us smokers the style and brand we should be smoking.thank you for your time. A VERY ANGRY SMOKER

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 10:46 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Don't Ban Menthol Cigarettes

I don't want you to ban Menthol Cigarettes. I don't believe that there is scientific evidence that menthol is any different that a regular flavor cigarette. I'm a menthol smoker and I don't want my freedom taken away, I'm tired of being bullied, I'm a clean smoker I never throw a cigarette on the ground, smoke near an entrance of a building. I think most smokers are like me and like everything else we're paying for the few that are inconsiderate.

I think you should focus on the things that are in our food that are harmful.

I'm tired of being picked on.

Please don't let my rights be taken away!!!

Thank you,

Marie Foehl

(b) (6)

Somers, Karen M

From: lori vaughn [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 10:45 AM
To: TPSAC
Cc: TPSAC
Subject: Newport Mishapps

I'm a strong believer in the facts of losing the greatest taste of Newport Pleasure, A few thousands of people will be very disappointed an very [REDACTED] in OFF to lose the great taste of Menthol !! So please don't take away our Newport Menthol Pleasure Thank- you

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my complain , Please make the right choices
Thank You for listening to
for us Menthol smokers

Lori Vaughn = e-mail address is.... [REDACTED] (b) (6)

Somers, Karen M

From: Cynthia Glisch [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 10:44 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol cigarettes

It is bad enough that I have to pay such a high price for cigarettes, and then you want to take my brand away, what is this world coming to.....I am opposed to this and will fight for my rights to have my choice....

Somers, Karen M

From: jerry mabrouk [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 10:43 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol

this is a first for me to write a letter to f.d.a about cigarett...it's a hard habit to break...but I don't see a difference between menthol and regular...they both have a end result that's death lol...im 40 yr. old male smoked for 24 yrs. now and have contracted emphyzme...

Somers, Karen M

From: Tara Slater [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 10:40 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: No Ban On Menthol

I think this is absolutely rediculous! If you are going to ban menthol cigarettes then the FDA should also ban menthol cough drops and menthol ingredients in medications. There is no difference in the health effects of menthol cigarettes as apposed to regular ones. The risks are the same, no increases or decreases.

Somers, Karen M

From: Jones, Donna [djones@dsc-illinois.org]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 10:37 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol cigarettes

To: Scientists on the FDA Committee:

I understand that a year long examination of menthol cigarettes is wrapping up. Your report due this month may recommend that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to restrict or ban menthol cigarettes.

I have read the www.understandingmenthol.com website and it shows that menthol cigarettes have the same health effects as non-menthol cigarettes. Bottom line is a menthol cigarette is just another cigarette. Menthol should not be regulated or taxed any differently. Americans already have too many government regulations that effect our basic freedoms every day. This is another right to choose that the government needs to leave up the individual who chooses to smoke.

I myself have smoked menthol for years. I have not smoked more because of the menthol, as a matter fact I smoke less than the non-menthol smokers I know.

I have not had more health issues because of smoking menthol. As a matter fact I don't have the health issues of the non-menthol smokers I know, who do smoke more than I do.

Please do the right thing and Do Not ban or Regulate Menthol cigarettes and differently than non-menthol. Smokers like myself have been ridiculed, taxed, and targeted for the last several years and we are quite tired of it.

Donna Jones

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Somers, Karen M

From: j.scott Norman [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 10:34 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Freedom and Tobacco

It has come to my attention that mentholated cigarettes might be becoming extinct. Let me first start off by saying that my wife, my father, my mother, my grandfather and myself have all served in the Armed Forces. My father's side of the family originally comes from North Carolina, now for years tobacco has been used as a great staple, an assistance to our country's beginning. My father actually picked tobacco as a teenager for work, this is not a crop that is left in our past to be unheard, but tobacco is a crop from the past that will help the future. I am only 27 and may not be the wisest man in sinking ship of an economy, but I am smart enough to realize any naturally made product made in the USA should be used to help stimulate this fallen economy. My family has fought and worked hard with their bare hands for this country. I believe we at least deserve the right to smoke whether its a regular or mentholated cigarette or even a fine cigar. My grandfather chewed tobacco, my dad smokes cigars, and I like an occasional cigarette when I have a drink. I am a true American and I enjoy my freedom in the comfort of my home.

Somers, Karen M

From: mary koontz [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 10:33 AM
To: TPSAC

LEAVE CIGARETTE PRODUCERS ALONE

Somers, Karen M

From: w m Duke [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 10:02 AM
To: TPSAC

[REDACTED] (b) (6) more coupons to me ,,I use them all send more for cartons [REDACTED] (b) (6)
[REDACTED] (b) (6) Thank you
[REDACTED] (b) (6) ith you Duke

Somers, Karen M

From: Nicolay, Catherine [Catherine.Nicolay@jud.ct.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 10:27 AM
To: TPSAC

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This is crazy.... Leave well enough alone. NO MARE LAWS OR PUNITIVE TAXES!!!!!!

Catherine A. Nicolay
CIB/ Court Operations
225 Spring St.
Wethersfield, CT 06109

Somers, Karen M

From: Nichole D'Esposito [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 10:27 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: save menthol

To whom it may concern,

I am against the ban on menthol cigarettes and would like to ask you to please add my vote to keep menthol on the market. Thank you in advance.

Nichole D'Esposito

Somers, Karen M

From: Marie Foehl [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 10:24 AM
To: TPSAC

Somers, Karen M

From: Rachael Callaghan [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 10:20 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: DO NOT BAN OR RESTRICT MENTHOL CIGARETTES

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

I DO NOT SEE THE REASON FOR ANY KIND OF BAN OR RESTRICTION ON MENTHOL CIGARETTES WHETHER THEY ARE OR ARE NOT A BIGGER HEALTH RISK. I CAN NOT SPEAK FOR THE REST OF THE MENTHOL SMOKING POPULATION BUT I ALREADY SMOKE AND HAVE BEEN SMOKING FOR THE PAST 15 YEARS AND I KNOW THE RISKS OF SMOKING AND HOW MUCH IT WILL SHORTEN MY LIFE EXPECTANCY, SO WHAT I AM TRYING TO SAY IS I REALLY DON'T CARE IF MENTHOL CIGARETTES ARE WORSE FOR YOUR HEALTH. WE ALREADY SMOKE.

Somers, Karen M

From: Nicole Gilfert [NGilfert@RBCCable.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 10:24 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Please don't ban Menthol Cigarettes

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Cigarettes are bad, yes, but if people choose to smoke it is in their own discretion. Banning Menthol Cigarettes, I am assuming is just the start to eventually banning all cigarettes; however we all know that it will not likely happen as riots and all ⁱⁿ _{acc} would break lose, government would lose too much money and so on... So why Menthol? If there are going to be numerous varieties of cigarettes on the shelves of stores still to choose from, why on earth would you ban only Menthol. I personally smoke Menthol and I suppose banning them would be doing me a favor, but I have to be honest, I am not going to quit smoking anytime soon and I smoke Menthol cigarettes, I have since I have started to smoke and seriously I would be really upset having them banned off the shelves of every store. I believe that they have been around for so long and people have been smoking them and enjoying them for years, why all of a sudden do you want to do something now about it. I have not yet read any material to why and the reasoning's behind this banning but seriously, not matter how bad the menthol supposedly is, let's face it, menthol or non menthol they're both going to kill us eventually, are you trying to make cigarette smoking more healthy? I do not get it. Almost seems ridiculous to do such a thing when no matter what one smokes they will get sick from it, why is menthol so important to ban? Can't you just leave well enough alone and leave them on the shelves, it would be up to me, or anyone else that enjoys the menthol to determine if we want it or not, not you! Who made you god? You are not doing anything for the better, so why do this at all. It just does not make any sense to me why anyone would ban on type of cigarette when they are all going to kill us in the end. I believe that the individual should determine their lives fate and if they want to smoke, whether menthol or non, they should be able to. Can get over it, it's almost as if a two year old holds a grudge on his friend for something so he tries to make his life miserable. Who is it that you want to hurt? Newport? Menthol smokers in general, or me? You take menthol off the shelves and you are hurting us all who enjoy them! please think about what you are doing and reconsider banning Menthol Cigarettes, you are not making smoking any better off by doing so, so why do it?

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Nicole Gilfert

Administrative Assistant

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Somers, Karen M

From: C. Bartz (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 10:12 AM
To: TPSAC

I smoke Newport 100's and they are menthol cigarettes. I apose this fda request to remove menthol cigarettes from the consumers.
Cindy

Somers, Karen M

From: DAmico, Cheryl [CDAmico@Calfee.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 10:10 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

I was surprised to learn that a committee has been studying a ban on menthol cigarettes for a year? I appreciate the committee's efforts but I am appalled that tax dollars and your time is being spent on this and I hope that you will vote against a ban. Please consider the value of personal freedom and let's get on to more important matters.

Sincerely,

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Somers, Karen M

From: rodney cundiff [redacted] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 10:09 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Do Not Ban Menthol

I Kristie Cundiff speak for two menthol smokers in our home when I say that I don't believe you the scientists, the so called goverment, or anyone else in this god awful country have no right to show prejudice against the type of cigarettes we chose to smoke. As adults we know all of the risks involved when we choose to smoke. (perferrably menthol) If we didn't eat or smoke or use every product out there that some scientist claims isn't good for us, what would be left? Cows give mad cow disease, vegetables have pesticides & bacteria; some causing ecoli, chicken has..... we could go on all night. The point is that we all have rights as americans and we would like to excercise ours by letting everyone involed in this mad experiment to know we want to continue smoking menthol! I believe the future of our country needs more attention right now than the banning of what kind of cigarettes are healthier for us. God knows none of them are, but once again everyone has some kind of bad habbit. Thank You, Kristie Cundiff

rodney cundiff
[redacted] (b) (6)

Somers, Karen M

From: ryan tyndall (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 10:07 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: MENTHOL CIGARETTES

I believe smoking is a preference. There are many flavors of cigarettes. I've smoked both non-menthol and menthol cigarettes and can tell no difference other than taste, but prefer menthol over the non-menthol. If they do find something discouraging about menthol cigarettes and come to a conclusion of banning them. The FDA should make the companies come up with an alternative solution to the problem they find, if there is one.

Somers, Karen M

From: Leticia (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 10:05 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Regarding Menthol Cigarettes

I'm sure many others have took the step of contacting you in regards to the ban on menthol cigarettes, as a menthol smoker myself, I to see no need for a ban of any kind towards menthol cigarettes. It is, as it always has been, up to the individual smoker on whether or not to smoke menthol or non-menthol cigarettes. Others should not determine the paths chosen by each individual smoker. I know many smokers who choose menthol brand cigarettes, many are not happy to hear about this ban, they feel as I feel, we have the right to choose. I've always chose menthol brands to take that away would not help me in any way to switch brands. The thought of the lost sales based on the ban alone couldn't possibly help but cripple the tobacco industry. Please, as a menthol smoker myself, hear the voices of who have made menthols what they are today. All opinions count, consumer opinions should count more than anything. Thank you for taking the time to hear my voice, it is very much appreciated.

Somers, Karen M

From: LYNN ARNOLD [lynn.arnold@delkoconstruction.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 10:04 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: MENTHOL CIGARETTES

PLEASE LEAVE MENTHOL CIGARETTES ALONE.....

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Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 10:03 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: NO to ban on menthol cigarettes

Stop wasting money, there is no difference.

Leave the menthol cigarettes ALONE

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 10:03 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol cig

I smoke menthol cig. Only. There is not enough evidence for u to ban menthol cig. Just leave it alone. There are so many dif. Cig. Are u gonna band em all all affect u the same way.

Sent from my LG phone

Somers, Karen M

From: Rebekah Maness (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 10:01 AM
To: TPSAC

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this e-mail in regards to the potential ban on Menthol cigarettes. I ask that you make your decisions based on proven scientific data rather than preconcieved ideas. I am a smoker, and yes I do smoke menthal. I have heard that menthol cigarettes are worse for you than regular cigarettes, however, I have never heard of any facts or proof to back up this assumption.

I just ask that you go by facts. If you do find that people who smoke menthol are at a significantly higher risk than those who smoke regular cigarettes than by all means make the ban and save lives. It would probably in turn help many quit. I just ask that all facts that are proven scientifically are looked at.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Rebekah A. Maness

Sincerely,

Rebekah A. Maness

Somers, Karen M

From: erin depoy [redacted] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 9:57 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol cigarettes

It should be an individuals own right to make the choice to smoke menthol cigarettes! I love me newports!!
Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

Somers, Karen M

From: Advanced Computer Services [acs@gulftel.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 9:51 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol

save menthol cigarettes!!

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 9:52 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: hi

I would appreciate it if u didn't stop the production of menthol cigarettes. I have been smoking newport cigarettes for four years and I enjoy the menthol taste over any other brand of smokes. thank you for taking the time to read this and I hope u don't end the production of these cigarettes because I really enjoy them and it helps with my stress issues.

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 9:48 AM
To: TPSAC; TPSAC
Subject: leave my cigarettes alone

Somers, Karen M

From: Ms MICHELLE BROWN (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 9:46 AM
To: TPSAC

Menthol cigarettes are a choice that I make. It should not be up to lawmakers to make a choice of what kinds of cigarettes i smoke. I make the choice to smoke knowing the risks... Do you outlaw dark liquor? Light liquor? Leave menthol cigarettes alone

Somers, Karen M

From: Amy Doyle (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 9:27 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol opinion

I am from a family of heavy smokers. I am the only one that smoked menthol. Yes I said smoked. I smoked for 30 yrs. & am happy to say that I have been quit for 14 months. I smoked 3 packs a day & every one in my family have had heart trouble, & they all smoked non-menthol. I am against smoking now but I think if you are going to take menthol form the tobacco industry, then you have to take all flavors from the liquor shelves. No more flavors in wines or any other alcoholic beverage! Thanks,
Amy Doyle

Somers, Karen M

From: JOL401 [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 9:26 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

Dear FDA,

Amazing how it makes no sense that menthol is more harmful than non menthol. They are still cigarettes! No matter what flavor or how you roll them smoke them or sell them. Who are the scientists to say that it is more harmful? All cigarettes are harmful. We as people should decide what we want to do to our bodies. Now a days everyone wants to tell you how to live and breathe. 20 yrs ago when I was a kid life was much simpler. To many chiefs in the tribe and not enough indians! Leave Menthol alone! I like my menthol!

Thank you,

Jessica M.

Somers, Karen M

From: SHEILA SMITH [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 9:26 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: none

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THERE IS NO DIFFERENTS ALL CIGS. ARE THE SAME WHEN IT COMES TO SMOKING AT ALL MR. SCHERER AND PLEASE SEND ME COUPONS I HAVE NOT RECIEVED ANY IN A LONG TIME THANK YOU AGAIN MR. SCHERER

Somers, Karen M

From: Canning, Valerie [Valerie.Canning@jud.ct.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 9:25 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Newport

I am writing to say that there is no reason what-so-ever to do away with menthol cigarettes. Even if there is a reason that they are more harmful than non-menthol cigarettes, then I believe it is up to the consumer to make that choice. As a smoker of 30+ years, I have always smoked menthol cigarettes. It should be my choice whether I wish to smoke them or not. In, they raised the taxes so much on cigarettes that nobody can even afford them anymore. Why take away the menthol cigarettes when people like me enjoy them and refuse to smoke a non-menthol cigarette. Thank you, Valerie Canning

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Somers, Karen M

From: Jill Cianci [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 9:24 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Don't ban Newport menthol

I am very upset by your recent decision to ban newports, I've been smoking them for many years, I don't think it's fair to do this , why start something u can't finish, if this is going to happen, why ?

Sent from my iPhone

Somers, Karen M

From: erin griffin [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 9:24 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: DONT BAN MENTHOL!!!!

DONT BAN MENTHOL CIGARETTES. THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE IN MENTHOL OR NON-MENTHOL. IT SAYS U HAVE TO BE 18 TO PURCHASE CIGS THEREFORE AS AN ADULT IT IS OUR DESICION TO SMOKE THE CIGS WE WANT. IF THE FDA TAKES THAT PRIVELAGE AWAY MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WILL BE UPSET BECAUSE OUR RIGHTS HAVE BEEN TAKEN AWAY....

THANKS,

ERIN

AGE: 27

Sent from Yahoo! Mail on Android

Somers, Karen M

From: michelle juelfs [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 9:20 AM
To: TPSAC

Pls Keep Newports, Thats what I smoke Thank You.....

Somers, Karen M

From: CHRISTINE MOULTON [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 9:20 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes.

To whom it may concern,

Not to sound rude, but who are you to tell people what kind of cigarette they can smoke. menthol, or non-menthol they both are harmful, and ok maybe menthol is worse, but that is our choice on which we prefer NOT YOURS. My Husband is a soldier in the Army and is deployed to Afghanistan right now, and your going to tell him and all our other brave Men & Women that fight for this country that they can't smoke menthol anymore....REALLY because if it wasn't for my husband and all our other Military you would not have the right or freedom to do what you do or say what you say. I'm sure this e-mail probably isn't going to matter, but it is my freedom of speech and just wanted to give my opinion.

Thank-you, Christine Moulton

Somers, Karen M

From: Samantha Larry [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 9:16 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol cigarettes

I think all the cigarettes are the same my brand is menthol and I feel as if there is no need to get rid of them

Somers, Karen M

From: Scott Towler (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 9:09 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol

I like my menthol and it is a flavor and oder in other cases. A political witch hunt is not scientific.we use menthol in many products including topical and oral medical items including cough drops, which you are not going after. I will smoke no matter what and I will tell you that nearly everyone who started smoking startss with non_ menthol cigarettes. Please remember this is America, land of freedom, why take people freedom of choice away.

Scott towler, (b) (6)
(b) (6)

From: SCOTT TOWLER
Via mobile mail

Somers, Karen M

From: Dorsett, Daniel [Daniel.Dorsett@va.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 9:09 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: TOBACCO USE!

GREETINGS! LET IT BE THE CONSUMER'S DECISION ON THE USE OF TOBACCO!

WE ALL DO UNDERSTAND THE EFFECTS OF TOBACCO USE; BUT LET US MAKE OUR OWN DECISIONS! DO NOT DICTATE TO US ON THE DANGERS OF IT USE!

STOP!!!! PUTTING ALL OF THESE RESTRICTIONS ON THOES COMPANIES WHO SELL THESE PRODUCTS!!!!

IN THE PAST THE GOVERNMENT HAS MADE A PROFIT FROM THEM? SO LET US THE CONSUMERS MAKE OUR OWN DECISIONS ON PURCHASING OUR OWN BRAND OF **CIGARETTES!**

STOP! IT!!!! LET THE CIGARETTE COMPANY CONTINUE WITH THEIR MARKITING IDEAS/GIFTS/RECEIPT OF COUPONS FOR GIFTS, CONTINUE!!!!

DANIEL DORSETT
HEALTH BENEFITS ADVISOR
"HAVE A BLESSED DAY!")

Somers, Karen M

From: Jessica Wood [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 9:04 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol cigarettes

Keep Menthol cigarettes LEGAL!, Life already sucks enough don't take away out cigarettes to.

Jessica Wood

Somers, Karen M

From: Maggie Brewer [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 9:02 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: save our choice

please do not change how cigarettes. the government makes enough money for taxes. the government should not have to regulate what kind of cigarettes are made. it is bad enough that people have picked up a bad habit but if you change their preferences you are asking for upset people who will be come beasts to the change and increase violence and theft. it will also create illegal making of menthol which can be more harmful than what is already out there. the government gets their money from alcohol and don't change taste or how its made , so why should they regulate cigarettes too. they need to focus more on illegal drugs and things that alter the mind not our cigarettes.

Somers, Karen M

From: claire [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 9:00 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: PLEASE

DON'T BAN MENTHOL CIGARETTES!!!!!!!!!!!!

Claire <http://mail.yimg.com/us.yimg.com/i/mesg/tsmileys2/40.gif>

Somers, Karen M

From: Donna Helbig [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 8:59 AM
To: TPSAC

Please do not ban menthol cigarettes.
Thank you

Somers, Karen M

From: Charm Hogan [chogan@aaasouth.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 8:55 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Please keep menthol cigarettes

Charm Hogan

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Somers, Karen M

From: Victoria Hummons [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 8:54 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol cigarettes

Don't think you should ban menthol cigs unless you are going ban all cigs and alcohol as well

Victoria Hummons
[REDACTED] (b) (6)

Somers, Karen M

From: Hermon Bunch [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 8:48 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

To Whom It May Concern:

As a moderate consumer of menthol cigarettes and an intelligent adult that understands the hazards of smoking, I greatly oppose any infringement on my ability to select a legal product I choose to consume.

In addition, history teaches us that anytime something is banned, a way is found to obtain it. That way is often criminal in nature and will fill any vacuum that a profit can be found in.

Please consider all facets of this issue. Thank you!

Hermon Bunch

Somers, Karen M

From: Bowie, Nychelle DDS St. Paul [Nychelle.Bowie@ssa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 8:47 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol cigarettes

To whom it may concern:

I do not agree with a ban on menthol cigarettes. As adults, we have the right to make choices, and it is our right to smoke any cigarette.

Thank you.

Nychelle Bowie

Disability Specialist

651-259-7717

Somers, Karen M

From: Stephanie Mayberry [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 8:46 AM
To: TPSAC

All I can say is PLEASE continue to battle for us Menthol smokers!!

I am a Newport smoker for 20+ years, and I have no desire to quit anytime soon!
I would be devastated if they put a ban on menthol cigarettes. I know cigarettes are bad, whether they're menthol or not. So, whoever started this "menthol ban" PLEASE STOP! & LEAVE US ALONE!!!!

Thank You for your time,
Stephanie Mayberry

Somers, Karen M

From: Diane Wilson [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 8:45 AM
To: TPSAC

Somers, Karen M

From: Davis, Eleanore [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 8:44 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: DO NOT BAN or RESTRICT Menthol Cigarettes

PLEASE do not BAN or RESTRICT Menthol Cigarettes!!!

Eleanore M. Davis
[REDACTED] (b) (6)

Somers, Karen M

From: [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 8:43 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: (no subject)

Hi.....
so whats the point of banning menthol cigs and not the non menthol if yall going to ban one might as well DO EM ALL it dont make no since at all whats so ever yall should be worrying about BOTH because both of em r risk of cancer and the list goes on ...SO MIGHT AS WELL BANNED ALL OF EM NOT JUST THE MENTHOL MAKE IT BOTH MENTHON AND NON MENTHOL

Somers, Karen M

From: Lynn Wertz [LWertz@hullco.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 8:39 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

I think government has their hands in enough!

It is the people's choice if they want to smoke or not, now your trying to take that away as well.

Give it up!

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Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 8:38 AM
To: TPSAC

to whom it may concern I feel its not right to ban menthol cigarettes everyone I know smokes them and shouldn't we have an opinion about this I really don't see the point of getting rid of something that in my opinion more people enjoy so much thanks

Sent from my T-Mobile myTouch 3G Slide

Somers, Karen M

From: Rebecca Eileen Halick [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 8:34 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol cigarettes

To Whom it may concern:

I am writing on behalf of the possible ban on menthol cigarettes. I have been smoking menthol cigarettes for over 8 years. Although I understand the risks involved and do wish to quit within the year, I find it appalling that the FDA would ban one cigarette over another. All smoking causes damage to the human body, if you are to ban one, why not all? As an American, don't we have the right to self-determination when deciding what cigarette brand or flavor to purchase? If health risks are what is really at stake then the FDA should ban all tobacco products, foods high in saturated fat, and alcohol, as all these place tremendous stress on the body and lead to premature death.

Sincerely,

Becka Halick

Somers, Karen M

From: LaBelle, Charlotte A [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 8:34 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes
Importance: High

Good morning,

I am sending this email in regards to the menthol cigarettes. It is my understanding that once again our government wants to make the decision for the people. I truly don't feel that it's your choice to remove menthol cigarettes. We as people of the USA have our rights to smoke and to smoke which ever brand we choice whether its menthol or non menthol. I feel that our rights keep being taken away little by little and this is another sign of that. The government needs to focus on our budget deficit and getting jobs for our people and **STOP** spending money and worrying about what people are smoking. We have the choice to smoke and its legal so please don't make more changes to our choices by removing the menthol cigarettes. It isn't going to make people quit smoking all it will do is make us mad and not want to abide by your rulings. Thank you in advance for your immediate attention in this important matter.

Charlotte LaBelle

Somers, Karen M

From: Michelle Teska [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 8:31 AM
To: TPSAC

The goverment should not b able 2 tell me what 2 smoke! I dont live in a commisne county

Somers, Karen M

From: burnetta gray [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 8:30 AM
To: TPSAC

PLS LEAVE US ALONE I TRULY ENJOY SMOKING MY MENTHOL CIGARETTES NEWPORTS OR NOTHING

Somers, Karen M

From: Terri P Gilbert [tgilbert@lsu.edu]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 8:28 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Do not ban menthol cigarettes

Importance: High

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To whom it may concern:

I am so tired of Congress deciding what is best for me directly and indirectly. I only smoke menthol cigarettes and if you take away my pleasure, I will probably become an alcoholic which is far worse: possible loss of job, insanity, disease, etc. You need to allow adults to be make their own decisions and remember WE the people put in Congress and WE the people can make sure you don't get re-elected. I will be in that number.

Terri P. Gilbert

Assistant to Dr. Steven Soper

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Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 8:24 AM
To: TPSAC

I don't see any difference between menthol and non-menthol cigarettes.

Catrina

Somers, Karen M

From: Koshan Brown (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 8:18 AM
To: TPSAC

Im a writing to please tell you not to ban menthol cigatettes! Please dont!!

Somers, Karen M

From: Thomas McGuire [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 8:16 AM
To: TPSAC

HELLO I AM AN AVID NEWPORT SMOKER HAVE BEEN FOR YEARS I AM NOT HAPPY WITH THE DECISION TO TAKE MENTHOL CIGARETTES OFF THE MARKET IS NOT A SMART ONE DUE TO IT IS A PERSONS RIGHT TO DO WHAT THEY WANT SAY WHAT THEY WANT AND ALSO TO SMOKE WHAT THEY WANT SO I DO NOT WANT MENTHOL CIGARETTES TO COME OUT OF THE STORES OR FOR THEY TO SROP MAKEING THEM. AND WHY IS IT ALL YOUR TARGETING IS MENTHOL WHY NOT ALL BRANDS OF CIGARETTES I WOULD LOVE TO KNOW

Somers, Karen M

From: Johnson, Debra A. (PBS) [JohnsoD1@mail.amc.edu]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 8:15 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Do not ban menthol cigarettes

I've been told a committee could recommending to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to restrict or ban menthol cigarettes. Reports I have read have not seen a difference in menthol and non-menthol cigarettes. Therefore, I am urging the committee not to make this recommendation. The committee should adhere to its mandate to follow the scientific evidence and treat menthol cigarettes no differently than non- menthol cigarettes.

I have smoked menthol cigarettes (Newport's) for over 30 years and wish to continue to enjoy them knowing the risks of being a smoker.

Thank you,

Debra Johnson

Claims Analyst

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Somers, Karen M

From: Corey Blackburn [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 8:13 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Don't ban menthol

I don't think it's fair to ban menthol .

Sent from my iPhone

Somers, Karen M

From: Adam Avancini [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 8:14 AM
To: TPSAC
Cc: ADAM AVANCINI
Subject: MENTHOL CIGARETTES

i have smoked menthol cigaretts for a very long time and i enjoy smoking them... The united states of AMERICA was founded on the principal of FREEDOM... Do not turn this country into a communist country... If we the people want to smoke menthol cigarettes???? That is our right.... Do not ban them....

Somers, Karen M

From: STEPHANIE KOTHE [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 8:13 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol cigaretts

I hear you want to ban menthol cigarettes, are you kidding me!! They've been around almost as long as cigarettes themselves and I know you guys want to dictate everything I do with my life but enough is enough. The federal and state governments keep hitting cigarette smokers the hardest through outrageous taxes and insane regulation on when and where a person can smoke. While I understand the risks associated with smoking it is something I personally choose to do and last time I checked, we still have some personal freedoms in this country. I respect the regulations of where I can smoke but can't help but think what the governments would do without the tax dollars generated by cigarette sales. They would have no choice but to raise taxes for other people and we all know how people hate higher taxes so why would you ban a product just because it has menthol, if cigarettes are that bad, ban them all together, but that would bring us back to loss of tax revenue. I know you're goal is to stop young people from starting the habit, think of the tax revenues that will be lost as smokers fade out, but kids are going to be more attracted to the fruity flavors versus the menthol so focus on that and get to know the audience you are trying to stop. Focus on the science, that is your responsibility, and not the public pressure.

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Somers, Karen M

From: Turner, Zandrea (VDSS) [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 8:09 AM
To: TPSAC
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I understand completely what you all are trying to do. Adult smokers know the risk of smoking. However, we have every right to smoke menthol if we chose too. I am 41 years of age I live in America therefore rather right or wrong I take care of myself. Therefore, my rights should not be violated. It's a violation of people's rights to choose.

Somers, Karen M

From: Marcia Harrison [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 8:12 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol cigarettes

Oh, so another attack of the government agencies taking away private choices. Your study of menthol cigarettes, how was it conducted? Everyone keeps pounding away on the rights of smokers...well, let me tell you about all the other products in the world that are known to be cancer causing! Wait, I won't bother. Seems like it is okay for that people eat foods with tons of preservatives...oh, yeah...that is their choice! Well, it is our choice to smoke menthol cigarettes. Quit taking our private rights away from us...it is our choice. Not yours, not the US Government.

Marcia Harrison

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 8:07 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: (no subject)

Sound science does not justify increased legislation. The FDA should adhere to its mandate to follow the science and, therefore, treat menthol cigarettes no differently than non-menthol cigarettes. There is no difference. It is a shame how our personal decisions regarding our smoking preference are being made for us! I am an adult who pays dearly both financially and physically to smoke. It is my decision. I don't see anyone telling drinkers to drink wine coolers and not whiskey! I'm sure the science is there as well!

Sincerely,
(b) (6) ach

Somers, Karen M

From: Marilyn Bell (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 8:06 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

Please, Please do not regulate my menthol cigarettes, if you have no valid, substantiated reason to do so. Why do you spend so much time trying to take someone's joy away from them? Please be reasonable and compassionate towards those who enjoy their menthol cigarettes when making your decisions

Thank You
Marilyn Bell
(b) (6)

Somers, Karen M

From: Chris Bakan (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 7:56 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol cigarettes

I don't see any real reason to Ban menthol cigarettes. A cigarette is a ciggarete.
Sent from my Samsung Intercept™

Somers, Karen M

From: << [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 7:56 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol cigarettes

To whom this may concern, I have been smoking newport for over 20 years, First I am told when and where I can smoke, now I am being to what kind of cigarettes i can smoke, I hope you reconsider your decision.

Sincerely,
Annamarie Thompson
[REDACTED] (b) (6)

Somers, Karen M

From: JOHN DOWDY [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 7:54 AM
To: TPSAC

please dont ban menthal cigarettes. i have been smoking for over twenty years and have not had any problems.

Somers, Karen M

From: Heather Brammer [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 7:51 AM
To: TPSAC

You know I think it's crazy that the FDA is trying to ban menthol cigarettes. You're not telling people who smoke full flavor cigarettes what to smoke so i dont think that you should be able to tell a menthol smoker what to smoke. Menthol cigarettes are a major part in the cigarette company. If you ban menthol cigarettes, you will be putting a lot people out of work. I mean come on, the economy is already going to ^{In} Its hard for someone like me to find a job. You close those compnaies down and the govt is going to ^{acco} have to do a lot of unemployment. I am a menthol smoker myself and I disagree with the decision to ban menthol. You people should take a second look at your decision.

[REDACTED] In accordance with 21 CFR 20.10, the above word has been deleted.

Somers, Karen M

From: Richard Mysiewicz [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 7:51 AM
To: TPSAC

Do not remove menthol cigarettes rfrom the market. It's an individuals choice to smoke or not. All you need to do is warn the public of the issue.

Thank you.

Richard Mysiewicz

[REDACTED] (b) (6)

Somers, Karen M

From: Carrie Nevel [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 7:40 AM
To: TPSAC

i dont agree with doing away with menthol cigarettes due to non menthol has the same side affects ,i have smoked menthol cigarettes as long as i can remember ,so no i dont want menthol to be taken away if u due away with menthol you are going to have alot of angry people exp people who smoke newports as myself youll see alot more crime and drugs in this world if they stop making menthol cigarettes,, and if people know and understand the side affects let them with that then why make people suffer in todays world the government is tryin to take everything away from us now we cant afford to eat or to live and now the goverment wants to take more away ,,newport is my cigarette and im not quitting thank you-

Somers, Karen M

From: [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 7:39 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol ciggarettes

i am constantly amazed at the pompus attempts the fda takes to control this country. i smoke newport menthol. i know the dangers and choose to do so anyway. i have no interest in quitting, yet your committee wants to take them off the market. i already cant smoke in restaurants or other public places. leave us alone! drunk drivers kill too, yet alcohol isnt being taken off the market. women suffering from post partum depression kill people, yet we can still have children.

worry about the federal government. clear our debt. do something useful and stop trying to take one

of the few pleasures we are still allowed to enjoy.

if you dont want to smoke...dont.

Somers, Karen M

From: Sarah Specht [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 7:29 AM
To: TPSAC

you should not band menthol cigarettes and you should let people make there own decisions

Somers, Karen M

From: Joseph Souza [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 7:27 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: No Ban on Menthols!

Hello I'm Joe, & I've read You want to ban menthols? You might as well take everbody's favorite Beer of the market to! Alcohol KILLS more than smoking (DRUNK DRIVING) that's what You should be worried about leave Peoples choice's ALONE! Thanks, I smoke Newport Menthols & ain't quitting till I'm ready to & won't be anytime soon. I'm healthy & been smoking menthols all My Life (40YEARS) SEE YA!

Somers, Karen M

From: Sharon Fender [sfender@hcmg.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 7:23 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol cigarettes

Please no there is no more danger in menthol versus non menthol cigarettes.

Sharon R. Fender

Director of Human Resources

Alois Alzheimer Center

513-605-1018

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Somers, Karen M

From: Matthew Green [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 7:22 AM
To: TPSAC

leave menthol alone

Sent from my Verizon Wireless mobile phone

Somers, Karen M

From: [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 7:13 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Newport

Taking newports off the market would effect the economy and the smokers, it will only cause problems, in a way this is some peoples way of enjoyment or a way to calm down without medication. keep the ciggarettes!
Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

Somers, Karen M

From: James Bradford [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 7:01 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Do not banned

I use to belive I lived in the USA, but I guess I was wrong. I'm 40 years old and know you have decedit to tell me what I can do with my life. If I chose to smoke Newport Menthol Cigerttes that should be my right as a citizen of the USA. So please don't tell me what to do, because that is why I had parents.

Somers, Karen M

From: Tiara Day [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 7:00 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Ban on Menthol Cigarettes

I am a smoker of menthol cigarettes. I feel that there should not be a ban placed on them. Whether you smoke menthol or non menthol you are at the same risks. It is a person's choice whether to smoke or not. It should not be up to the government to choose what cigarettes to sell with menthol or non menthol for the people. I strongly feel that people make their own choices to smoke. Nobody forces them to pick a cigarette up. This is suppose to be a free country, but we are losing that freedom everyday when choices are being made for us. I do hope that you will not ban menthol cigarettes.

Sincerely

Tiara Day a menthol smoker

Somers, Karen M

From: Irene Black [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 6:35 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol cigarettes

my name is irene groff and i am a smoker. I am not proud of this habit but I heard that you are trying to band menthol cigarettes and my question is why. Smoking any kind of cigarettes is unhealthy. smoking lights or non menthol are just as bad so in my opinion if you ban one kind you should ban them all. Thank you for your time.

This message is from a Virgin Mobile customer. Enjoy.

Somers, Karen M

From: linda morris [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 6:27 AM
To: TPSAC

I don't think it is fair for you to ban menthol cigarettes. It should be the smokers choice what kind of cigarette they smoke. A menthol is more satisfying than non-menthol. I also believe (because I know I would) smoke 2-3 times as much of a non-menthol to try to get the same satisfaction. So in the long run it would be worse for everyone if you ban menthol. Alcohol us what should be banned. You never hear of some one getting into a car accident because he was menthol driving. Drunk driving kills more people than cigarettes. Even second hand drivers.

Thank you,
A concerned menthol smoker.

Somers, Karen M

From: Casey Rihtarchik [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 6:24 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol

Do not take menthol away alot of people smoke them,me included. I think this study should of been done years ago, now your gonna take Menthol away that's BS!! Alot of people will be VERY ANGRY if you take them away now. If we want to smoke menthol, I think it should be OUR choice,I'M SICK OF THE GOVERNMENT STEPPING IN YEARS AFTER THE FACT!! Leave it alone !! I think this money would of been better used on something else! Stop taking all our choices away from the LITTLE PEOPLE. PLEASE!!!!!! Thank you, Casey

Sent from my iPhone

Somers, Karen M

From: JoLene Millington [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 6:21 AM
To: TPSAC
Cc: JoLene Millington
Subject: Save our Menthol Cigarettes

Dear FDA,

Please do not single out Menthol cigarettes without scientific evidence.

Thank you for your consideration.

JoLene Millington

Somers, Karen M

From: James Keefer [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 5:44 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthal cigarretts

Please stop interfering in personal choice. We know that smoking is bad but it is our choice. We are responsible for ourselves. Your duty is to inform us so that we can make our own choses. Don't ban anything.

Somers, Karen M

From: Beatrice Washington [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 5:42 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Newport Menthol

I am a smoker and my brand of choice is Newport Menthol. I do not want this taken off the shelf! Personally, I can't understand why the Menthols are a bigger problem than the non-menthol cigarettes. Please do not pull menthols!

Somers, Karen M

From: Darlene Cayetano [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 5:40 AM
To: TPSAC

Don't take my favorite cigarettes away. Isn't this a free country? I am well aware of the risks of smoking. It is my choice. Whether or not menthol cigarettes are worse than regular cigarettes or not does not matter to me. Everyday this country gets more and more communist. Very disappointed smoker. Leave us alone!!!

Darlene

Somers, Karen M

From: KATHLEEN HILL [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 5:21 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

I have a bad habit of smoking but I am here to tell you that I have cancer in areas that have nothing to do with smoking. I had cancer before I started smoking and after. No one in my home ever smoked. Both my parents were smoke free and all 4 of us kids smoke so tell me where it comes from. I have 2 boys and neither of them smoke but I enjoy my cigarettes and have never smoked more than a pack a day but they relax my nerves after having my treatments and this is something the medicine can't accomplish without making me a zombie. I still have all my faculties when I smoke a cigarette but not with the medications. I don't know about you but smoking to me keeps me from not knowing what my grandchild does throughout his life, like it did when my son was little. I have smoked several brands over the years and the one I prefer is Newport. Although I can smoke menthol or non, I prefer to smoke the menthol. Not because it's more addicting, because if your gonna smoke your gonna smoke anything no matter what but there is a preference over brands and flavors. Are you going to regulate who drinks mint tea or eats mint candy because the only difference in menthol cigarettes is the amount of menthol or mint they put in the tobacco. All cigarettes have a tendency to kill people but I have 5 types of cancer and none of them have to do with lungs, breathing, throat, or mouth. In conclusion, I would like to say that our elders smoked and lived to a ripe old age and they smoked without filters and that's worse. The indians smoke and look how old they got. I feel the government is trying to turn us into Russia and tell us what to do, what happened to freedom???

Thank you for your time and attention:

Kathleen Hill

Somers, Karen M

From: Josh Stangeland [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 5:09 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

My name is Josh Stangeland. I am writing to to you NOT to ban menthol cigarettes. Science has proven that there menthol cigarettes are no more harmful than nonmenthol. Stick with the science. It doesn't make any sense to ban them.

I have a RIGHT to choose if I smoke and what cigarettes I smoke. Do NOT try to make choices for me. This is the United States of America and I have the right to choose.

Somers, Karen M

From: Donna Thomas [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 4:53 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Fw: Help Us Save Newport Menthol Cigarettes!

Attachments: crowd_booing.wav; teasing.gif

March 02,2011
To:The FDA Committee I only like Menthol Cigarettes !
I don't like the other kind of cigarettes so please don't
Change them my hold family smoke Menthol Cigarettes
From Mrs Donna Thomas:

-----Original Message-----

From: [Newport](#)
Date: 3/2/2011 6:12:46 PM
To: [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Subject: Help Us Save Newport Menthol Cigarettes!

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Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 4:16 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol ban

I would like to let my opinion be known NOT to ban menthol cigarettes.I have smoked both and preffer menthol for taste preferences.I don't believe these intice children and science proves this.thanks

Bryan

Somers, Karen M

From: sr [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 4:00 AM
To: TPSAC

i enjoy menthol cigarettes why do u want to ban them??

Somers, Karen M

From: dg02904 [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 4:00 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Ban of Menthol Cigarettes

As a smoker, consumer and American citizen, I believe we all have the right (as an adult to make our own decisions) as to what we want to purchase.

If you remove the Menthol product from the market (which hundreds of thousands of smokers use) this will only open up an underground market for supply in demand.

The underground product will then be in demand, you will not have any control over this as obviously they are not regulated.

It's just like removing cola products (Coke / Pepsi) from the market, someone else (The Black Market) will step in to supply the demand.

In America we have the choice to choose whatever products are for sale (health risks are imprinted on all substances with a warning to the consumer) and we should be able to decide what WE want to purchase / use without the Federal Government deciding what is best for us.

If your going to ban Menthol cigarettes, I think ALL cigarettes should be banned considering the health risks.

It only seems fair to ban all tobacco products at the same time, as they all show proven health risks.

OK, ban All cigarettes, lets also ban Liquor / Beer / Wine etc. as I'm sure they are also not the best choice your health.

Then again, lets ban all fast food restaurants (Mc Donald's / Burger King / KFC / Wendy's etc.) as they have been shown to be unhealthy to the public due to their high fat, calorie / cholesterol content.

What about the Meat Industry, you know, Red Meat, Pork (Bacon, Ribs) this is also not in your best interest for a healthy lifestyle.

Oh yeah, Milk and Eggs (The American Breakfast) that should definitely also be put on the banned list.

Last but not least, lets ban Ice Cream, as you know this also leads to a higher concentration of fat in our diets.

Let's see, what else is there that we can get rid of ?

Why don't we also ban Automobiles which pollute the air we breath, that's probably much worse than menthol cigarette smoke, you know / carbon monoxide ?

I know, lets all just eat veggies, fruits, tofu and drink bottled water, Umm.

I live in America where we have choices / freedom, I'm not living in a tropical forest where you don't have any choice but to live off nature (which probably wouldn't be a bad idea considering nothing that's mass produced / manufactured seems to be good for you).

Has anyone given this any thought at all ?

It's not a perfect world, everyone should be able to decide whether or not they want to purchase certain products.

PLEASE, let us decide.

Somers, Karen M

From: Marie Schappacher [redacted] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 4:00 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

Look People I have had it with you thinking that you have the RIGHT! to tell me what I can and Cannot do with or to my BODY period end of it
Smoking is my Choice and I smoke menthol cigarettes Leave them alone!!!!

You stood by and LET the Drug AVANDIA KILL MY MOM FOR GOD"S SAKE!!!! You knew this was a BAD drug but because you are "in bed" with the drug manufacturers YOU DID NOTHING, and you are DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR HER DEATH!!!

You need to leave me the [redacted] alone and I will make my own choices Because the Choices you make are in the interest of the Almighty Dollar and have not one thing to do with what your mandate is....or What is GOOD for Me.. you can't even KEEP Perscription medicines safe for God's sake... THANK YOU BUT NO!!!! Stay the [redacted] out of MY LUNGS MY Choice You have already done Too much!!!!

In accordance with 21 CFR 20.10, the above words have been deleted.

Somers, Karen M

From: Matthew McMillan [redacted] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 3:33 AM
To: TPSAC

My name is Matthew Gene McMillan. I am writing to inform you that since the age of 18 I have smoked both menthol and non menthol cigarettes. I have found that menthol are no more healthier for you to smoke. Then a non menthol cigarette. Also by voting against non menthol cigarettes you will be hurting the economy even more then it is already hurting. What you really need too be focusing on is repairing the economy. You keep talking about more jobs being created. But Tell me were are all of these jobs. From what I've seen the economy is getting worse not better. So please fix the economy. And stop worrying about rather or not a non menthol or regular cigarette is healthier for you then the other.

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 3:30 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Newport

I have smoked the Newport brand for over 30 years. Not having any problems except for people trying to tell us what we can and can't do! Go waste our tax dollars on something else!

Somers, Karen M

From: James Owens (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 3:06 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: I really really really want my NEWPORTS!!!

I think that it is completely senseless to put a ban on menthol cigarettes, because not only do they have better flavor than regular cigarettes, but if you don't smoke them, then why do you care??

Somers, Karen M

From: Robert Gehrman (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 2:58 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: do not ban menthol cigarettes

Dear Sirs,

The mention that mentholated cigarettes are different than non menthol cigarettes is ridiculous. there is no sound science, other than anti-smoker rhetoric, that smoking is is any thing other than a risk. Correlation is not causation. Please do not allow yourselves to be manipulated the way the ignorant populace has.

Sincerely,

Robert p, Gehrman

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"In a time of universal deceit, telling the truth is a revolutionary act."
--George Orwell

Somers, Karen M

From: terry hudson [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 2:56 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Squares

Don't stop makin menthols

Somers, Karen M

From: Melissa Nolley [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 2:36 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: why you doing this to me???????????????????? why oh why

I love Newport menthol and you think Niger are crazy now wait and see crime going to go up and you going to lose money.

I been smoking Newport for 15 years now and would never which brands never. Their nothing like a Newport
[REDACTED] In Newport reds I would never smoke them, so for all the money I put in over the year you should keep my
[REDACTED] brand it the most popular brand. And if you remove menthols I will never buy your brand again, why take it off
the market , aren't all cigarettes bad for you , not just Newport [REDACTED] In that and [REDACTED] In you if you drop Newport
menthols.

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Melissa nolley

Somers, Karen M

From: Jordan Stevens [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 2:26 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: An opinion regarding your opinion on menthol cigarettes

Hi, my name is Jordan Stevens. I was informed by Lorillard, the parent company of Newport, that you guys were making an effort to get menthol cigarettes banned from the market.

This is absurd. Why exactly do you want to ban menthol cigarettes? Because you believe they're even more healthier? Various research shows that menthol cigarette health risks are no different than non-menthol cigarette health risks.

You guys should just let me and the rest of the menthol smokers (which is probably well over half of the US Smoker's Population) smoke our menthols.

I mean, the United States of America is a free country... right?

Thank you for your time. - Jordan S.

Somers, Karen M

From: Orlando [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 2:14 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Smoking

Writing this letter in conjunction to live a life not governed or sanctioned by laws to restrict let human live the way they want to live I don't smoke around no one I respect there air space. What next no driving cars, trucks, airplane, trans.
Sent from my iPhone

Somers, Karen M

From: Shannon Lytle [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 2:04 AM
To: TPSAC; TPSAC
Subject: SAVE OUR NEWPORTS

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this on behalf of everyone that I know who smokes. We do not want to see our Newports go. I have been a loyal Newport smoker for almost 20 years now and don't want to quit. If you are no longer producing the Newport product I will have to find some other way to relieve my anxieties. Please if we are going to have any brand out there, it should be Newport mentols. They help me make it through school, work, and my kids. Again I ask for you to keep the menthols around. any other brand does not stand up to newports.

thank you,
shannon lytle

Somers, Karen M

From: roberta long [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 2:02 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Do not discontinue menthol

I am writing you because I am very upset about the thought of discontinuing menthol cigarettes. I am a smoker yes and believe that as my choice and I will NOT smoke anything but menthols. This should be our choice not yours please realize this and take it into consideration. Thanks for listening.
Sincerely,
Menthol smoker

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 1:53 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Do we live in n. Korea

Unless crack or some other thing is in a newport . Maybe someone else shood woory about all this money for taxes in all 50 states let b for roads schools what have u banning menthol wont do any good on any buddy , other than the F.D.A. on how to get people to quit smoking and to buy those stupid patches that r an arm and a leg, and u end up back smoking lights or chewing neceratette and end up in the same spot where someone once wuz people r old enough to make there own choiceis they shood b able to choose there brand , i mean whats next, ban grape jelly , because the seeds get stuck in your teeth !?!!!!?!!

Sent from my HTC smartphone on the Now Network from Sprint!

Somers, Karen M

From: Tom Schulz (b) (6]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 1:43 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol ban

When is enough enough. Is it now a time that the government must interfere with every part of our lives smokers have been outcast by the government through un-due taxing and limiting the places where smokers are accepted. Business have lost money due to government involvement with smokers. The political correctness of people to choose what they want to have as a vice good or bad is going to far. At some point the government has to concentrate on agendas that are real . oil spills, terrorism, hunger, unemployment, overspending. Really when is enough enough!! Lets spend a few more billion dollars to find out what is worse for you to drink wiskey or vodka. Lets ignore soldgers dieing for political disagreements, and ban whole milk due to the fat content. When is enough enough.

Somers, Karen M

From: Lucas Ezell (b) (6]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 1:34 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Keep Menthol

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 1:34 AM
To: TPSAC

Sent from my LG phone

Somers, Karen M

From: Heather Dorsey (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 1:27 AM
To: TPSAC

Please dont stop making our favorite cigarettes, Menthol. If you ban menthol, then you must ban ALL cigarettes, discriminating against menthol is no different than any other form of discrimination. And, it should be left up to us, we know the risks but still the choice should be ours to make. Thanks for your consideration!!

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 1:21 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Untitled

Please do not ban menthol cigarettes! If you're going to can them you might as well ban all cigarettes! They all have the same effect. Menthol is no different except for the taste! Save menthol cigarettes!!!

Somers, Karen M

From: dgw (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 1:18 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

Dear Sirs:

I've been smoking methol cigarettes for about 47 years, with an estimated total of about 350,000 and counting, have had perfect attendance at work all of those years, am 64 years old and still working, no thanks to the Government and their over the top debt building and fiat money printing, causing the people to lose much of their savings. I wish government entities like you would disappear and stop sucking up taxpayer money. America is founded on maximum individual freedom and maximum individual responsibility. Please stop with your junk science and left wing utopias. Go do something useful with you lives like drilling for more oil, pumping gas, collecting garbage.....anything but your distructive trashing of our freedoms! We the people are going to dismantle you all in the next few election cycles.

Wayne Logsdon
(b) (6)

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 1:16 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Please Do NOT Ban Nor Regulate Menthol Cigarettes

I have been informed of a study being conducted with regards to the effects of non-menthol cigarettes vs. menthol. Please note, the science has already proven that both are equally bad. There is no reason to monitor, regulate or ban menthol cigarettes.

I am ashamed to admit it but I've smoked for many years. My preference has always been towards menthol cigarettes although I occasionally buy Marlboro Red Full Flavors every now and then. I pay the outlandishly high taxes on them because I'm not ready to quit.

As I said earlier, don't ban, monitor or regulate Menthol cigarettes. **If you are really concerned about saving lives, ban smoking all together. Don't allow any farmers to grow tobacco. Then you'll really be doing your jobs.** Bad is bad so if your going to eliminate one, make smoking in the US illegal.

Helene Carro
(b) (6)

(b) (6)

Somers, Karen M

From: Darlene Stokes (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 1:13 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: why you should keep menthol

To Whom It May Concern;

I would like you to know this is my first letter I have written on this subject.

I am a smoker, I smoke a pack a day. Newport box

The choice is mine, I am fully aware of the risks and all the bad things that could happen to me.

When I am ready to stop smoking I will. If I need help I will seek it out.

I do not drink or take drugs. I am other wise a healthy 44 year old female.

There are things that should be more important then stopping the production of

menthol cigarette. I do agree that children should not smoke, nor should cigarette be sold to them. Yes it is a bad habit, and its my only bad habit. Yet it is my vice, for now. Please don't take away my right to choose. Even if my choice my be wrong, it's still my choice. Maybe we should not sell cigarettes in store anymore. But directly thru the company, with proper ID on line, this might prevent children from getting them and still allow adult to have a choice.

Thank you for your time
Darlene Stokes

(b) (6)

Somers, Karen M

From: N Wiatrowski (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 1:13 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: DO NOT BAN MENTHOL!!!!

I think it would be terrible to ban menthol!!!! Please do not do this!!!!

Somers, Karen M

From: pcreasey (b) (6]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 1:04 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Don't ban menthol cigarettes

I know smoking is bad. But many things in this life are bad for your health. Stress, poverty and war are more harmful to your health than smoking. Why don't you all ban that stuff instead? Please I am asking you as a young, college graduate that has nothing but student loan bills to show for my hard work to please not deprive me of my menthol cigarettes! Also, please legalize marijuana.

Thanks,

Paul R. Creasey

Somers, Karen M

From: Sexxiiladii [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 1:02 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: I love NEW PORT MENTHOL

Theres no different in the newport mrmthol, I love np memth. a h 8
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Somers, Karen M

From: Al Hughes (BIG AL) [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 1:00 AM
To: TPSAC

Big Al (BD)

Somers, Karen M

From: BJ MERRIWEATHER [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 12:59 AM
To: TPSAC

How can you make a difference between regular and menthol. A cigarette is a cigarette, all cause the same effect. Don't discriminate

Somers, Karen M

From: meagan cook [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 12:56 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol ciggarettes

To whom it may concern,

I believe it is absolutely absurd that in America, "Land of the free", the government gets to decide what is best for me. I understand making people aware of the negative effects that ciggarettes can have on a person, menthol or not, is a good thing. As long as you have made people aware of the risks then leave it alone. Not only will the homicide rate go up when people cant get there nicotine fix, tons of people that work in ciggarette companies will be out of jobs. As if there isn't enough people out of work as it is. I know there will be a ton of irate people if this menthol bann is passed. I will most definately be one of them. Please consider leaving us the oppourtunity to choose for ourselves. [**DON'T BANN MENTHOL CIGGARETTES!!!!**](#) Thanks so much for your time.

KEEP MAKING MENTHOLS!!

Thanks so much

Somers, Karen M

From: Tasse [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 12:50 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol

I am a loyal newport menthol smoker and I do not want my newports changed when there is nothing wrong with them or a difference between menthol or non menthol please do not change my newports!!!!

Somers, Karen M

From: Kathleen Stedman [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 12:47 AM
To: TPSAC

We should be able to choose what kind of smokes we want. pretty soon they will be trying to tell us how to dress or wear our hair. dont let them ban menthol. thats all i have smoking ever. thanks

jamie wilbanks

Somers, Karen M

From: meagan cook [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 12:40 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol

To whom it may concern,
I believe it is absolutely absurd that the government believes they know what is best for everyone.

Somers, Karen M

From: MITCH PUTERBAUGH [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 12:39 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Cigs

Please do not ban menthol cigs!!!!!! That would be the craziest thing to ban menthol and not none menthol!!!! That would be like saying were gonna ban beer but not vodka!!! smoking is bad we get that but if we choose to smoke than okay it is are chose so just let us pick if we want to smoke menthol or not!!!!

Thanks for you time

Mitch

Somers, Karen M

From: Krystal Foskey [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 12:38 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Don't ban menthol cigarettes

Please do not ban menthol cigarettes.

Somers, Karen M

From: Angel M [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 12:32 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Band smokes

Im 25 years old and a two pack a day smoker please band cigarettes before i die....Angela from [REDACTED] (b) (6)

Somers, Karen M

From: bunnij [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 12:30 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Banning menthol

Ridiculous, I say. Look at the facts like everyone else has!! No more harmful than regular cigarettes. Quit spending my tax dollars arguing against facts. Signed, A Hard working, tax paying American!

Somers, Karen M

From: JACKIE [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 12:30 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Ban on menthol cigarettes; MY VIEW

Dear Sirs:

To be completely honest, the manufacturers of Newport cigarettes asked all menthol smokers to write the FDA and share our views with them on the possible upcoming ban on menthol cigarettes. Now granted, these are just the opinions of one individual, but I feel I may just have something to share!

I am a 49 years old, white, female and about as redneck as they come. I was born and raised in Virginia and love my country music. I am the mother of 4 children, 29, 24, 16 and 10, whom I have raised basically on my own. Life has always been a struggle, but somehow we survive. I am also a veteran, spent 6 years in the United States Marine Corps, and I love this country we call home. I have traveled this world, and believe me, people don't really understand what freedom is, until you have to fight for it.

I am a menthol cigarette smoker. I have smoked Kool cigarettes for 30 years. [REDACTED] (b) (6)
[REDACTED] (b) (6) So I do believe I am qualified to speak on this subject. I love smoking, it's truly killing me, but that's my choice. I have read the reports on menthol versus non-menthol and quite honestly, there seems to be no definitive answers to whether one is actually any more harmful than the other. Smoking is smoking. The tar and the nicotine will kill me long before the menthol does. But the bottom line is, I chose to smoke, and I chose menthol cigarettes. Taking them away after 30 years is like taking one of my children. It's a part of my life. But more importantly, I have fought to preserve our freedom, and I was positive I lived in a country where I am free to choose. Besides, don't you think it's a little late. If you want to help people, ban smoking period. But good luck with that too. Have you actually ever been around a person who NEEDS a cigarette? I can't see that you've looked at this rationally. Have you actually stopped to look at it from the smoker's view? You have estimated that there are about 19 million menthol smokers, that's a lot of people's worlds you are about to freak out. Not to mention the friends and families who will also have to deal with the ramifications of this action.

But as I stated before, these are just my opinions! There are a lot of people just like me. I believe you should study the aftereffects of this ban, not simply the reasons for the ban. Does the solution get lost in the outcome?

Thanks for listening....

Jackie E. Stevenson

(b) (6)

Somers, Karen M

From: cara gingell (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 12:28 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Keep Menthol Cigarettes!!!

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Cara Meyer and I am writing to voice my opinion in keeping menthol cigarettes. While there may be solid scientific evidence that menthol cigarettes should be restricted or banned, there is solid scientific evidence that smoking cigarettes period is harmful and even fatal; even from second hand smoke. Nevertheless, that hasn't stopped the sale, or the consumption/use of cigarettes. I believe cigarettes continue to be sold and consumed for two main reasons, and they are: (1) Money and (2) Free Will. The fact of the matter is that it all boils down to free will; to choice. Now that doesn't mean that the results of the scientific testing done on menthol cigarettes shouldn't be put out there for the public, because it should. The public should still be warned about the hazards of smoking menthol cigarettes compared to non-menthol cigarettes, but that's all that should be done; because once you warn the public what else can you do? Nothing, because if someone wants to smoke a menthol cigarette they are going to smoke it. Just like it's a personal choice on whether or not someone smokes cigarettes period; it's also a personal choice what a person smokes. I personally like and choose to smoke menthol cigarettes, and have been smoking them for close to 13 years now. I do plan on one day quitting, but I would like it to be on my own terms. Not because someone makes me or because my preference is no longer available. So I beg you to not restrict or ban menthol cigarettes. Thank you for your time.

nb sp; Respectfully,

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Cara Meyer

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Somers, Karen M

From: Yazan [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 12:21 AM
To: TPSAC

Hi i would like to say that we want a menthol cigaret please don't band it thank you .

Somers, Karen M

From: Jai Martin [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 12:16 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

Hello,

I am sending my letter in support of Menthol Cigarettes. I think it is ridiculous to ban this types of cigarettes. What is the differences when all cigarettes are hazardous to our health. If we choose to smoke cigarettes let us. I thought we were in the country of the free. It is bad enough that we have to go outside in the freezing cold to smoke something that is legal to purchase. Our rights are slowly decreasing in this country so I plead that we can at least smoke the cigarette of our choice.

Somers, Karen M

From: Taj Pharham [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 12:16 AM
To: TPSAC
Cc: [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Subject: FDA restrict on menthol Cigarettes

Hey Hey.. Loyal buyer of newport cigarette, yeah they are becoming costly, but what's this science i hear about newport having a problem with you people trying to band menthol cigs?? Of course I'll settle demise of how it really effects people regards to their health, i personally feel non-menthol is good compared to those that cannot handle the strong strength of menthol cigs? But why are you trying to ban menthol, no! no! no...! That's not too cool? Menthol cigs are making so much more money around world from CT-NY, as far as i kept on with all this, I'd figure that's what you and this world wants?? Don't you have worker's who smoke?? The menthol of whatever brand cigs?..You people of the fda is going to be dealing with millions and millions of attitudes, all round this world! if it isn't where you become involved with more an food based decision , that i can see? what i cannot see is the big big ban of menthol cigs, you have the biggest name in cigarettes promoting menthol flavored cigs, yeah NEWPORT, til all the newport affiliated names every which way came out with several different kinds, you have lights, soft pack-hard pack, 100's , Shorts,..i do not understand the beef? lol the beef get it? Imao..But hey be careful please of the decisions you are drawing over too, it's bad enough the of money being wasted through cigarette buyng should be invested otherwise, my ideas i'll conclude another time. What applies here cool out before you pull risk taking in a ban of what's prospering so much funds? Take this as an concern, but an suggestion highly asked to just wait an give this thought, can that be considered? I'd like your feedback? I'm not in no shame to hear where you are coming from with the facts..i can take it? Thanks for hearing me out, thanks for keeping it content with our worldly foods, i love to eat, im greatly appreciated of you people.

Somers, Karen M

From: RUTH SWAIN [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 12:19 AM
To: TPSAC

If you are going to ban the sell of menthol cigarrets; why not make smoking illegal all together. My whole thought on all this stuff to do with BAN, NEW LAWS AND RESTRICTIONS that are being put into place lately. We are no longer going to be the land of the free, but more of a land controlled by dictatorship and monarcky.

God Bless, Ruth Swain

Somers, Karen M

From: Deborah Craig [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 12:19 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol

I don't think you should regulate the ciggerate industry and menthol ciggerates in particular.
Deborah Craig

Somers, Karen M

From: [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 12:13 AM
To: TPSAC

If ur going to ban minthols u might as well legalize pot.

Somers, Karen M

From: Anjel Ferdinand [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 12:10 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: DO NOT BAN Menthol Cigarettes!!!

To whom it may concern:

I may not posses any scientific evidence to show you why banning menthol cigarettes in Washington is bad; but I do possess knowledge. The knowledge of a 10 year smoker who has smoked nothing but menthol cigarettes. You're doing more damage to the economy than you should be by doing this. And you do realize that just because you may "legally ban" it doesn't mean that people won't find their own way of getting them through other outlets. Please reconsider. Menthol does no more damage to a person than regular cigarettes. What would you say if someone was trying to take your vice away? Whether it be the caffeine in your coffee or the sports on TV - you would do whatever it took to fight it. You would want to make sure it was known that the decision to remove said item from society, would cause nothing but problems. Just think about it from our perspective - that's all I'm asking.

Thanks Much for listening to me on behalf of all of the menthol smoking tax payers of the state of Washington - I bid you good day.

Sincerely,
Anjel Ferdinand

Somers, Karen M

From: Jeremy Lehner [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 12:10 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: I quite

I stopped smoking 4 weeks ago today and I think it is hilarious that I got this email ask for my opinion. I feel great now that I quite smoking. Don't get me wrong I loved my Newport's and Marlboro menthols, but now that I quite i feel everyone should try it. u feel so much better and save so much money. So I think the government should ban because it will help people to stop. Well kinda force them to stop but in the end it will be healthier for the consumer to stop.
Sent from my iPhone

Somers, Karen M

From: Lovely Starr [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 12:08 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Reference to ban of menthol cigarettes

I highly disagree to the FDA and government trying to ban menthol cigarettes! People have ruined this country as is with your different drug creations such as prescribed drugs and bringing illegal drugs to the USA to sell. How dare you try to control what we do or do not smoke? I have been smoking menthol cigarettes for over 12 years. And Newport at that! I find it great and relaxing. I hate non menthol. Why don't you people spend our tax paying dollars on something that really causes air pollution or that is bad for people. You'd need to get a life. And not ban menthol! Why don't you put yourself in our shoes and see how you would like the stupid government to ban something from you! This country needs to stop trying to control us. You's created enough destruction in our lives. Leave what we choose to place in our bodies our decision ! You all should be ashamed.

Somers, Karen M

From: Freddie Oliver [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 12:06 AM
To: TPSAC

To Whom it may Concern:

Please stop this nonsense at the F.D.A.
This another example of government "over reach"
How can menthol be anymore dangerous than regular?
Please let grown-ups live their OWN lives without "big brother."
I make this moral appeal to you as an American citizen.
America, you know "...home of the free..."

Respectfully,

Freddie Oliver

Somers, Karen M

From: Jesse [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 12:04 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Follow science

You need to follow the facts concerning the effects of menthol and nonmenthol cigarettes
Sent from my iPhone

Somers, Karen M

From: [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 12:04 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Newports

Why get rid of menthols all cigerettes are the sane n for some people i know non menthols
give headaches stomache aches to people who smoke menthols y charge us or keep changing
things taking away peoples freedoms charging us more to kill ourselfs y you get rich wat
has the world come to
Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

Somers, Karen M

From: Tammy Simmons [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 11:55 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

Do not take away our menthol cigarettes! once again, your trying to take away the Americans right to choose what we want and when we want it. we choose to smoke what we want, we also know what can happen and what it causes, so if we still choose to smoke them what is the problem? if you are trying to make a mark or trying to do something, do something about high gas prices or gay marriages! STOP that! the government is trying to make us just like Russia, where we have to answer to the government for everything we do and have no free will that this con try was founded on! government was founded on faith of GOD, not faith of congress or government. Put GOD back in government and we as Americans will be alright.

thank you,
Tammy Simmons
smoker and American for now!

Yesterday is history, Tomorrow's a mystery. Today is a gift; that's why they call it "the present".

Somers, Karen M

From: Bryant Mcallister [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 11:54 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Newport

I am a menthol smoker I know that non menthol and menthol are both unhealthy but how can you take away one type and not the other that's is not something you can test and find a answer to it should be a problem that menthol and non menthol smokers should vote on thank you

-- Sent from my Palm Pixi

Somers, Karen M

From: Adam [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 11:53 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Newport Menthol Cigarette Ban

Hello, I have heard that you are deciding whether or not to ban or restrict menthol cigarettes. I believe this makes no sense at all. Either ban all cigarettes(lol) or at least start with the most harmful..

Mini cigars are much worse to smoke than menthol cigarettes and the majority of people that smoke them inhale the smoke into their lungs, which one is not supposed to do with cigars.

I regularly buy menthol cigarettes and know the risks associated with them. All cigarettes are obviously bad for a myriad of internal and external organs, however, they do not influence us like a drug such as cocaine would.

If you feel the need to ban something, why not focus on mini cigars, which again, are much worse than menthol cigarettes. Or just ban all cigarettes?

Just out of curiosity, what are the politics behind this, if I may ask?

Sincerely yours,

Fan of nicotine and menthol

Somers, Karen M

From: Tuto [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 11:53 PM
To: TPSAC

Menthol ciggarets should not be banned..is our money and our choice if we decide to smoke...is a free country we got the right

Somers, Karen M

From: Connie martin [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 11:52 PM
To: TPSAC

I am a MENTHOL Cigarette smoker, and would like to CONTINUE to smoke Menthol!
Isn't it bad enough that smokers are TAXED TO DEATH in Michigan, Now you are even telling us we can't smoke MENTHOL!
How about going after the ALCOHOLICS for a while. THOSE are the people that do REAL damage! I have NEVER in my life, seen a SMOKER, KILL SOMEONE WHILE SMOKING & DRIVING, Yet drinkers do it EVERYDAY!!!!
I have seen cigarettes go from less than a dollar a pack, to almost \$7.00 a pack, yet beer/alcohol prices remain the same??? Is that because MOST politicians DRINK, yet few SMOKE?
I know that smoking is not "good for you" but, it IS my right to chooser to do so, and it is ALSO MY RIGHT to smoke MENTHOL!

Thank You,

Connie L. Martin

Somers, Karen M

From: Angie Wazny [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 11:49 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol cigarettes

To Whom It May Concern:
Please do not ban the sale of menthol cigarettes. There has been enough regulation & taxation on cigarettes as it is!
Thank you,
Angie Wazny

Somers, Karen M

From: Herbert Gardner [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 11:49 PM
To: TPSAC

Please quit infringing upon the rights of others.

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 11:48 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Please save menthol for us

I'm a begging you please don't ban menthol ciggs respectfully Francisco
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Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 11:43 PM
To: TPSAC; "<TPSAC">@fda.hhs.gov
Subject: BAN OF MENTHOL

I DO NOT AGREE WITH BANNING MENTHOL CIGARETTES, IT'S A SHAME US SMOKER'S CAN'T SMOKE IN DINER'S, NOW BINGO'S, I FEEL AS THOUGH MY WHOLE FREEDOM IS BEING TAKEN AWAY FROM ME, YES, I UNDERSTAND THAT THIER ARE CERTAIN PLACES WE SHOULD NOT SMOKE, BUT NOW TAKE OUR MENTHOL AWAY, COME ON, REALLY WHAT IS NEXT??? IS THIS THE LAND OF THE FREE, OR THE HOME OF BEING HELD CAPTIVE??? I DO NOT AGREE WITH MENTHOL BEING TAKEN AWAY. IT'S OUR CHOICE TO SMOKE THEM, AND I WANT MY MENTHOL....

Somers, Karen M

From: Marissa (b) (6]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 11:38 PM
To: TPSAC

Please stop the ban on mewport menthol.

Sent from my Verizon Wireless Phone (000).a0h080y0000a0h00l000000z0l000000^r000wa000f00&000 (

Somers, Karen M

From: Lisa Romantino [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 11:34 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

To whom it may concern:

I am sending this email in hopes that menthol cigarettes are not banned. I have smoked non-menthol and menthol and they are both the same. I cannot see why you are attacking menthol, please do not ban

Sincerely

Lisa Romantino
[REDACTED] (b) (6)]

Somers, Karen M

From: Jen C [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 11:33 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Keep menthol cigarettes!

Menthol cigarettes should not be treated any differently than non-menthol cigarettes!!!!

Somers, Karen M

From: lori vaughn [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 11:32 PM
To: TPSAC
Cc: [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Subject: Newport Misshapps

I'm a stong believer in the facts of losing the greatest taste of Menthol A few THOUSANDS of people will be very disappointed and VERY [REDACTED] In to lose that good taste of menthol !!! So please dont take away Our Newport menthol Cigarettes.
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ThankYou for your time....and please make the greastest choice for us

yours sincerely

[REDACTED] In accordance with 21 CFR 20.10, the above word has been deleted.

Lori Vaughn

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Somers, Karen M

From: Stephanie Randolph [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 11:31 PM
To: TPSAC

i am very concerned with the possibility of the ban on menthol cigarettes you've already stopped smoking in bars do u have any decency?? this world is already going through a recession times are hard and even though bills need to be paid i always make room to buy my newports, it helps me cope with the pressures of the world today i am seriously begging please dont do it!!!!!!!!!!

Somers, Karen M

From: Stephanie Randolph [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 11:26 PM
To: TPSAC

i am very concerned with the possibility of the ban on menthol cigarettes, as a faithful consumer i feel that if you do this, sales will go down and the outcome will be horrific!!! everyone that i know who consume cigarettes are menthol smokers, to be honest i feel that crime rate will go up and i am being very serious when people piss me off a menthol that is just with in my reach and knowing that i can get the satisfaction of a "newport" makes the whole world a better place i am begging you if you do this then i know that world is truly coming to an end!!!!!!

warm regards,
A concerned menthol smoker

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 11:26 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Newports

I smoke mentol cigarette I'm asking for you not to band them I work to hard as ot is not to have what I want is to smoke ciggerettes when I feel like it not what someone else feels I should smoke thank you
Sent from my LG phone

Somers, Karen M

From: Joseph Gambina (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 11:23 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol

please keep menthol cigarettes legal, they are no worse for you than other kinds

Somers, Karen M

From: Angela Cotton (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 11:16 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Please don't stop Newport from having menthol in them because it's not different from non method actually you tend to smoke twice as many non method then you will method.

Sent from my iPod

Somers, Karen M

From: Brian (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 11:17 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Help please urgent !!

How could you?
Why would you?
Who gives you that right?

For years and years since there were smokers it's been our choice hasn't it ? By banning menthol brands would be as the same as banning smoking as well. It's smokers choice since the beginning of the cigarette creation to smoke menthol or not.

Since when would the FDA be concerned about menthol l'n cigarettes ? You haven't been concerned about all the other harmful chemicals put into cigarettes l'n the past why be now?

If that's the case being it's bad for me to consume menthol products, then I want to be compensated for consuming it for over the past twenty years.

If now the FDA is saying it's a bad additive now! Why wasn't it bad for me over twenty years ago??

One thing I wasn't aware of until just a few years ago was the actual content I'n cigarette products. How is that possible? Why aren't the ingredients labeled on the packaging? If I knew what I was consuming over twenty years ago I would have never started to smoke! How is it that all consumed products I'n the US are labeled with the consumed contents but cigarets aren't? Is it because there's just way to many chemicals to list on the small packaging? There's a reason I'm sure I'd like to know that's for sure.

Thank You for your time
Respectfully
Brian Smith

Sent from: Brians IPod

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Somers, Karen M

From: Natalia Rivera (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 11:12 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

Hi,

My name is Natalia Rivera. I have received emails and heard that the FDA will ban menthol cigarettes. The reasons are irrelevant as of now. There is so much medication, vitamins, and so much more that is not approved by the FDA. However it is still in the market. If the FDA is going to ban menthol cigarettes for being harmful to the body, they should start by banning things that are actually harmful not only to ourselves but to others. Diet pills, Alcohol, Drugs, Guns, Salvia, or Cigarettes in general should be banned. I also read an article about the real problem being that Newport menthol are something that are bought mostly by African Americans. What in the world is that about? Ask me and we should ban vodka because a lot of Caucasians are addicted to it and are violent while intoxicated on alcohol. This just sounds ridiculous. I smoke menthols any other cigarette gives me a major headache. I always prefer smoking Newport Menthols. I will find a way to make menthol cigarettes whether they are in the market or not. Well that just leads to another ticket or conviction that the courts can use to get money. Tickets for having menthol. Wow! Have you ever heard of anyone being addicted and dying from menthol or going to jail or killing someone for menthol? Well in conclusion there are more things to look at that are not approved by the FDA and are out in the market. And I ask that you take your eyes off my menthol and look into the bigger problems occurring in the world in 2011. I really appreciate it. Thank you for your time.

Natalia Rivera
(b) (6)

Somers, Karen M

From: Brian [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 11:15 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: FDA =confused

How could you?
Why would you?
Who gives you that right?

For years and years since there were smokers it's been our choice hasn't it ? By banning menthol brands would be as the same as banning smoking as well. It's smokers choice since the beginning of the cigarette creation to smoke menthol or not.
Since when would the FDA be concerned about menthol i'n cigarettes ? You haven't been concerned about all the other harmful chemicals put into cigarettes i'n the past why be now?
If that's the case being it's bad for me to consume menthol products, then I want to be compensated for consuming it for over the past twenty years.
If now the FDA is saying it's a bad additive now! Why wasn't it bad for me over twenty years ago??

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Somers, Karen M

From: Schketta Alford [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 11:10 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Banning menthol cigarettes?

I totally agree that they should be banned! I think that ALL cigarettes should be banned! I know that will never happen as cigarettes makes the government tons of money however, im totally in coherence to banning the menthol cigarettes.

Somers, Karen M

From: [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 11:10 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol cigarettes

To Whom it May Concern,

Please do not do away with menthol cigarettes. I have smoked both menthol and non menthol and believe there is no difference. There is scientific evidence there is no difference. Please read and research. I believe you will find it to be true.

Pat Barbee
BeautiControl Consultant
Beautiful Skin. Beautiful Life.
954.729.4359
www.beautipage.com/patbarbee

Somers, Karen M

From: Brian [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 11:14 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol ban?????????

How could you?
Why would you?
Who gives you that right?

For years and years since there were smokers it's been our choice hasn't it ? By banning menthol brands would be as the same as banning smoking as well. It's smokers choice since the beginning of the cigarette creation to smoke menthol or not.

Since when would the FDA be concerned about menthol l'n cigarettes ? You haven't been concerned about all the other harmful chemicals put into cigarettes l'n the past why be now?

If that's the case being it's bad for me to consume menthol products, then I want to be compensated for consuming it for over the past twenty years.

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Somers, Karen M

From: I Love Viviana [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 11:09 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol cigs

Plus it should be our choice since we are the ones spending the money
Sent from my iPhone

Somers, Karen M

From: Brian [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 11:13 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Ban menthol ????? Are you serious?

How could you?
Why would you?
Who gives you that right?

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Somers, Karen M

From: I Love Viviana [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 11:08 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol cigs

Please whatever you are trying to do Don't you really know the amount of menthol cigs. Specially newports menthol that people smoke we will be devastated plus Is there proof than menthol cigs cause more damage than regulars Or than lights??? Or gold how they call them now??? NO they all cause problems..... Can u take the flavor liquor out of the market cause it contains flavor???? Or coloring?!?!? I'll be flattered to hear your response thank you. Pro- Menthol smoker VK

Sent from my iPhone

Somers, Karen M

From: Brian [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 11:12 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol ban????? WTF

How could you?
Why would you?
Who gives you that right?

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Somers, Karen M

From: Suzan Wieglenda [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 11:07 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Newport Cigarettes

Please do not take away my menthol cigarettes. It is my only vice. I do not do drugs, drink, and am a student going to be a nurse. These are my only bad thing I do, and will not smoke regular non-menthol. PLEASE!!!!!!!!!!

Somers, Karen M

From: [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 11:06 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Cigarettes

Please do NOT ban menthol cigarettes.

Sent via DROID on Verizon Wireless

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:57 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol flavored cigarettes

I like menthol cigarettes and I don't feel like they should be banned .
Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

Somers, Karen M

From: KEITH JOHNSON (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:56 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol ciagrettes-An American Choice

To whom it may concern,

As an American and a smoker, I find it distrubing that our rights continue to be erroded. Now you want to ban menthol cicarettes or restrict their sale. What happened to freedom of choice? I happen to perfer the brand of cigarettes I smoke, and I am well aware of the health effects that smoking may cause. How does my decision to smoke menthol cigarettes effect anyone else other than myself. I think you should spend more of your efforts in studying something a ^{In} of a lot more productive and stop spending needless tax dollars on witch hunts and junk science. _{acc}

Keith Johnson

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Somers, Karen M

From: Cindy (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:56 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: PROPOSED BAN ON MENTHOL CIGARETTES

I BELIEVE THAT SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE HAS PROVED THAT THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE IN RISKS BETWEEN MENTHOL AND NON MENTHOL CIGARETTES.

FDA SHOULD ABIDE BY THE MANDATE TO FOLLOW SCIENCE AND TREAT MENTHOL CIGARETTES NO DIFFERENT THAN NON MENTHOL.

Somers, Karen M

From: Matt [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:55 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: methol cigarettes

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Somers, Karen M

From: kristyl dukette [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:55 PM
To: TPSAC

sending dis agreement of methol ban.

Somers, Karen M

From: Cartiez [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:54 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol cigarettes

I feel yall are wrong for trying to band menthol cigarettes, there is nothing wrong with them, they're no different than the regular full flavor cigarettes

Somers, Karen M

From: [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:53 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol cigarettes

Please do not ban menthol cigarettes. There is no difference in health risks between menthol or non-menthol cigarettts. People have the right to choose and i smoke menthol. Freedom of choice is mine. Thank you. Wendy

Somers, Karen M

From: tim griffin [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:52 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: I like menthol

Hi my name is timothy griffin I have been smoking newport menthol shorts in the box for over 25 years I like the taste and I am over 40 no lung problems whatever alot of us dont like the taste of full flavor (non menthol) I started smoking pall mall when I was 11 nastiest things then came salem, kools and next newport kings menthol in the box still on them

Somers, Karen M

From: Kruszewski, Lauren [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:51 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: keep menthol cigs

you people need to keep menthol cigarettes!! There is no difference between menthol and non menthol. If menthol cigs are banned a lot of people are going to be [REDACTED] In off.
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menthol smoker

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Somers, Karen M

From: Jerry Allison [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:48 PM
To: TPSAC

I feel that when you target a certain brand cigarette it not fair.

Somers, Karen M

From: mitzy10261 [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:47 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: To it may concern

I am a menthol smoker. ALWAYS HAVE BEEN. I do not see what difference does menthol and non menthol cigarettes have they are both addictive and cause the same harm and yes I am aware of it . I have try non menthol cigarettes and prefer menthol and are we in Cuba where they are told how much they can eat and how to live. I thought we was in the land of the free. Thank you in advance for the opportunity to express myself

Sent from Garminfone by T-Mobile.

Somers, Karen M

From: Ms CHELLE WILSON [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:47 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Banning of Menthol Cigarettes

I am not sure I understand why there should be a banning of menthol Cigarettes, truly if you are looking at for the affects that it has on a person's health then we need to look at banning alot of things. I am not sure what your science department has found but too much of anything is not good for you. I have been smoking the same brand of cigarettes for over 18 years and have not suffered any serious affects. If you are going to ban one type of cigarettes you may as well ban them all. Please reconsider the banning of menthol cigarettes and hear the people speaking out.

Thank you

A Concerned Smoker.

Somers, Karen M

From: Patrick Hayes [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:47 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

DO NOT DO AWAY WITH MENTHOL CIGARETTES.\

Somers, Karen M

From: Michael Vince [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:45 PM
To: TPSAC

dont ban newports

Somers, Karen M

From: Miss Tina Cobbins [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:44 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Save menthol cigarettes

I think that it iz unfair that you all think it's ok to tell people what brand of cigarettes they can and can't smoke. I strongly disagree with what it is that your trying 2 do.... Sincerly a true Newport menthol smoker!!!!

Somers, Karen M

From: Dixie Richards [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:44 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

Dear Sir or Madam

I have been smoking Menthol cigarettes for 40 years and I do not believe they are any more harmful then any regular cigarette. I will agree all cigarettes are not good for you but to single out Menthol is wrong. Before you put a ban on Menthol please research it some more. There is no difference, after 40 years I should know. I used to smoke Kool which is a lot more Menthol than the lights I now smoke. Please reconsider your ban.

Thank You
Dixie Richards

Somers, Karen M

From: Kristina Allen [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:41 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol cigarettes

People will smoke cigarettes even if menthols are banned. Smoking is a personal choice. Keep Menthol cigarettes legal!

Somers, Karen M

From: [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:41 PM
To: TPSAC

I personally feel that thinking of banning "menthol cigarettes" is not sensible. All cigarettes are bad for people not just "menthol cigarettes". If that is the case then all kinds of cigarettes should be banded!
Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

Somers, Karen M

From: John Mostello [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:39 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Banning Menthol Cigarettes

I'd like to take a moment to express my concern over the banning of menthol cigarettes. While a bad decision, and one that negatively effects my health, I enjoy smoking. I enjoy smoking menthol cigarettes.

To get to the point, it's my decision. Earlier this week, the supreme court of the United States upheld the rights of a fringe religious group to protest at military funerals because of the possible erosion to our first amendment rights by limiting public discourse.

It is my right to smoke, and it is a legal substance to adults. While we continue to enforce stricter and stricter regulations on smokers, we are failing to recognize the problems behind it, and that the true deterrent is education, not regulation. Giving children and adults the information and facts of the horrors of smoking fixes the problem, not saying "you can't make this", and "you can't buy this".

Deciding that one version of cigarettes is worse than another leads us down a slippery path of is one alcohol worse than another, or is bleached flour so much worse than unbleached whole grain flour, that I can't buy and consume it I want? While an overstatement, it proves the point that while harmful to my health, it is my decision.

I implore you to protect my personal freedom of choice by not eliminating a flavor of cigarettes that I enjoy.

Somers, Karen M

From: Jodi [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:38 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol

Please do not take away my American given right of freedom and act like communist. You have NO right to make this choice for me.

Somers, Karen M

From: Chris Hicks [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:38 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol

As a smoker, I have a right to express my thoughts on the considered ban on menthol. Smoking is my choice and banning menthol will not at all eliminate my decision to smoke. However, discrediting scientific evidence that menthol is no different than a non-menthol only reveals a personal vendetta against smoking, banning menthol will not eliminate smoking, if you all are so ^{In} bent on eliminating menthol, why not push for a smoking ban altogether? Regardless of menthol, ^{acco} lights, ultra lights, smoking is risky, eliminating a taste choice will not eliminate smoking. All of the money spent on a pointless meeting will only cause me and so many others to vote against all who wish to ban something that isn't any less harmful than the alternative...I wonder how many of you have stakes in tobacco, like al gore, everybody knows his connection with tobacco, and everybody knows the tax revenue generated from cigarette taxes, ban menthol and reduce your paychecks...that's all that's gonna happen, people will continue to smoke

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Somers, Karen M

From: patricia bologna [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:39 PM
To: TPSAC

to who it may concern please don't stop the menthol cigarettes it doesn't matter which one we smoke they are the same i've been smoking menthol for 49 years and its my right if i dont want to stop i pay for my cigarettes not you and i have the right to smoke menthol if i chose why don't you stop the GUNS & KNIVES thats what really killing people please leave the menthol alone ...thank you"ms p bologna

Somers, Karen M

From: Benji Rich [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:37 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Don't ban on menthol cigarettes

Don't ban on menthol cigarettes

thank you

Somers, Karen M

From: Larcal [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:38 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Ban on Mathol Cigarettes

You people are really flexing your muscles, aren't you? Instead of going after pharmaceutical companies selling drugs which have proven dangerous to health and life, you have decided that menthol in cigarettes, which you don't like the taste of anyway, is detrimental to smokers.

Shame on you - the scientific evidence shows that it is the cigarette, and NOT the menthol which is the culprit.

Going to nibble away like rats on cheese until you have the inestinal fortitude to tackle the real culprit - cigarettes???

You people are like the current crop of "Congress people" - they were elected to work for us, and they are doing a real job on us. You were hired to check for purity and and now trying to abolish things you don't like, just like a bunch of children playing computer games. This is Real Life, folks, tackle Real Life problems, don't tilt at windmills, Don Quixote!!

Somers, Karen M

From: Steve McCoy [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:37 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Enough!

I hate smoking, I can't believe that people still smoke!
The only thing I hate worse is a bunch of bureaucrats telling people what they should and shouldn't do.
STOP IT!

Steve McCoy

Somers, Karen M

From: Sue Edelmann [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:36 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol

Sound science does not justify increased regulation on menthol cigarettes. The science does not show any difference between menthol and non-menthol cigarettes for increased health risks.

I am tired of the government using bad science to push through their own agendas. I am also tired of people trying to do things "for my own good".

If you had definitive proof, then maybe you could justify changes, but just like global warming, you're all jumping on the bandwagon and pushing an agenda that is NOT based on scientific fact. Prove you're a scientist and follow the science to the correct conclusion

Sue Edelmann

[REDACTED] (b) (6)

[REDACTED] (b) (6)

Somers, Karen M

From: josh ashmus [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:35 PM
To: TPSAC

Josh http://gfx1.hotmail.com/mail/w2/pr02/ltr/./emoticons/smile_shades.gif

i think this is crazy either way smoking is bad for and wit that said ppl know that and its our choice to smoke or not! u really want to look into something try drinking that is what u ppl should be doing cause i would all most bet that the numbers from ppl smokig and dieing to drinking and dieing drinking would proly be far worse. o yeah and if u wanna say smoking is harmful to others so is drinking

Somers, Karen M

From: TAMARA SLAUGHTER (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:34 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: newports and other menthol cigarettes

there is no greater harm in menthol cigarettes than in any other and we have a right to smoke whatever type of cigarettes we choose to. No one regualtes the proof of alcohol we are aloud to intake and millions are killed annually due to drunk driving. We can eat what we feel even those obesity is rising so why not allow us the freedom to smoke what we choose as well. Regulations do not solve problems, pre-vention helps issues. Spend time and money stopping new smokers from beginning and allow those of us who currently do to smoke how much, what, when, and how we feel....you've already stopped where...you cannot and do not have the right to control our bodies and minds as well.

Somers, Karen M

From: jessica hamilton (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:33 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

Dear Board,

I am a loyal customer of smoking menthol cigarettes and I wanted to say that menthol and non-menthol cigarettes are no different from each other due to the proof of science. So I feel that you should not band or limit them at all. But if you do please don't treat them no different than others treat them the same meaning band one band all. Also on that note if you band cigarettes altogether there will be a lot for health issues for those who smoke and now don't smoke because they were band, we will have to find something to replace the habit and not all will be good for us all. So I advise you all to think this threw one hundred percent. No one should judge others for a habit that they have because everyone has a habit they are not proud of. We don't go around pointing fingers at others for the bad habits we all have because some habits we may not think is bad and someone else may think they are. All im saying is we should not judge each other for a bad habit just because we think its bad, if menthol cigarettes are no different then non menthol cigarettes then let them be.

Concerned Smoker from (b) (6)]

Jessica H. age 28

Somers, Karen M

From: Eric Carswell [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:33 PM
To: TPSAC

Leave Newports alone

Somers, Karen M

From: John Francis [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:31 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Not My Menthols!

There's a hundred different types of alcohol in all different proofs and percents. How is it that a minor variation in a cigarette can cause a possible ban or restriction. The point is leave "well enough" alone!!

Thank you
john francis

Somers, Karen M

From: LaTresha Sheffield [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:31 PM
To: TPSAC

Am a Newport menthol smoker and have been for 21yrs and I would not change for anything in the world.

Somers, Karen M

From: pamela andrews [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:28 PM
To: TPSAC

I cannot believe for a moment that there has been time and money put into a study to see if menthol cigarettes are worse than regular ones, I am an adult and I feel if I want to smoke menthol or regular cigarettes that should be my personal business and nobody else's. this country is getting to be ridiculous in so many ways, everyone is trying to tell us what is healthy and what isn't, I for one am sick of people trying to control my life, telling me what I should and shouldn't do. This whole cigarette thing is all about health, and more so insurance companies that make billions more than I ever will. I disagree with anyones opinion that says menthol cigarettes are worse than regular, science or no science. How can anyone regulate peoples behavoir or choses we make, it is not right and if you really want to test things why not check out vaccinations, the amount of stuff injected into our kids is crazy! I think this is a wasteful study and that the menthol cigarettes are no worse that the things injected into our bodies and foods,. Yes smoking in not healthy, but we are not stupid and we can make our choice without other people making them for us, please let this go, menthol or regular I really don't think there is much difference, smoking isn't healthy either way and one is no worse than the other, but I feel that is OUR choice not yours!!

Thank you,
Pamela Andrews
[REDACTED] (b) (6)

Somers, Karen M

From: daryl hunsberger [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:28 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol

Please dont remove menthol cigs from the market

Somers, Karen M

From: Amanda Summers [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:25 PM
To: TPSAC

[REDACTED] t increase regulation of menthol cigarettes. Thank u. Amanda summers.
[REDACTED] (b) (6)

Sent from Amanda's iPhone

Somers, Karen M

From: Matthew Seidner [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:25 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol cigarrets

OK.... i have been smoking for 4 years and i love menthol, its smoother than non menthol, i thought this was a free country, apparently not.....

i have the right to smoke mentholated ciggs..... you are singling out a particular group of people and you will have a mass riot on your hands if this happens... if you ban menthol you might as well ban all smokes.... not right at all.... you might as well ban ALL menthol product then too..... figure out what your doing ppl please dont ban menthol... and furthermore lift the ban on marijuana because it too is wrongly classified due to bureaucrats and politics with special interests.

Somers, Karen M

From: Mike Webb [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:24 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: BAN NEWPORTS and all cigarettes!

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am against ALL cigarettes. PLEASE BAN THEM FROM AMERICA. Pass the laws necessary to ban these filthy life killing fire sticks.You my support on this.

Michael Webb, New York City

[Kicks for Cancer](#)

<http://1134mixshow.com/event-kicks-4-cancer/>

Somers, Karen M

From: Amanda Mcmanaway [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:22 PM
To: TPSAC; TPSAC
Subject: menthol !!!!!!!!!!!

like anything else its all the same,makes no sence.Amanda McManaway

Somers, Karen M

From: Pat [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:20 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: MENTHOL CIGERETTS

i DON'T SPOKE MENTHOL CIGS. but banning them is so stupid, you can't back up ur so called info w/ real facts. shouldn't be ur business, we are all free to choose, shouldn't be told by gov. what we choose to do or use!!!

<http://mail.yimg.com/us.yimg.com/i/mesq/tsmileys2/03.gif> Pat

Somers, Karen M

From: DARRYL RORIE [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:20 PM
To: TPSAC

the government say menthol is more toxic then regular i find menthol more refreshing to inhale then regular if menthol is taken out of cigarette's will it also be taken out of cough drops and cold medicine this is just another way to blame the tobacco industry on things thats wrong with the government it should be the people right to chose not them

Somers, Karen M

From: sim [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:19 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol

It has been scientifically proven that menthol cigarettes are no different then regular cigarettes for our health. Therefore, more regulation to ban them is uncalled for and unsubstantiated.

Please do us a favor and cease this regulation attempt. We are adults and citizens of this great nation. More government intervention into our private lives is not what we seek from elected officials or their cohorts.

Somers, Karen M

From: latoya mcadoo [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:17 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Keep Menthol

I think people should have a chose in what they smoke. Newport is the only brand i buy. I would b very upset if my brand got taken off the market. Smoking period causes health problems so what difference does it make if its menthol or not. Please, please, please dont take menthol away it gets my day started.

Sent via Cricket Mobile Email

Somers, Karen M

From: teresa martin [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:17 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol cigarettes, please leave them alone!

Dear Sirs:

I have smoked menthol cigarettes for years, I think I should have the choice to smoke whatever kind of cigarettes I choose. You guys are acting like smoking cigarettes, esp menthol is illegal. Please do not limit my choice and I say that menthol cigarettes are no more harmful than regular. What I am saying is please don't mess with my menthol smokes. It is bad enough already that you have raised the prices and taxes on cigarettes, let me make my own choice on what cigarettes I choose.

Thank You,
Teresa Martin

Somers, Karen M

From: Lisa Chapman [(b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:17 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol study

Regardless of what type of cigarettes a person smokes, they all cause cancer & other detrimental effects. I originally started off using non-menthol & switched to menthol. After I made the switch, I was able to breathe better & was not coughing up gobs of nastiness. I also smoke less now. Hard liquor is more damaging than beer so should we restrict or outlaw that too? The bottom line is that it's a persons right to use what type of tobacco they choose.

Somers, Karen M

From: Aimee Dorsey (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:16 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarette Ban

Hello, I am writing in regards to the proposed ban on menthol cigarettes. I have been smoking for 10 years. Although I do not smoke menthol regularly, in fact it is very rare, I was concerned by this ban. Science has proven that menthol cigarettes are not more harmful than regular cigarettes, and to suggest otherwise is to ignore the facts, and to restrict the American people of their basic freedom of choice. At the times I have smoked menthol, I have been sick with illnesses such as a cold, sinus infection, etc. I have found the menthol cigarettes to be very helpful. Every smoker is aware of the consequences of smoking. As informed adults we have practiced our basic American right to choose as an adult. As a smoker I believe the banning of any tobacco product to be similar to censoring a large number of the population. It is un American to censor and ban anything from a legal adult. I ask that when the time comes to vote on this ban, I ask that you vote no. American's have always been proud of the rights we have in this country. This will only be another small step in taking away the rights that millions of Americans have fought and died for. Thank you for your time.

Aimee McGovern

Somers, Karen M

From: michelle walls (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:16 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol cigarettes

I see no reason to ban menthol cigarettes. They are the same as non menthol cigarettes. Besides that the people who are of age to buy them should have the right to choose which they rather smoke, they are grown mature people who has the right to choose which they prefer. They already know what can happen if they smoke cigarettes either menthol or non menthol. Do not ban menthol cigarettes.

**Sincerely,
A menthol smoker**

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:12 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol

Sent from my Verizon Wireless Phone

Please don't ban Menthol cigarettes. I know all cigarettes pose serious health risks, but so does the medication I can avoid taking by smoking. I don't enjoy regular cigarettes, but I do enjoy Menthol. I would have to quit smoking and work my liver and kidneys over instead of my lungs and mouth.

Thank you,

Blake

Somers, Karen M

From: [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:10 PM
To: TPSAC

I am writing to you about your banning menthol
Stop trying to play big brother. I am an adult, and choose menthol cigarettes, and want you to try to impose Ur beliefs instead of sticking to facts.
Sent fr om my Verizon Wireless Phone

Somers, Karen M

From: Greata Hutchinson [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:08 PM
To: TPSAC

I live in the state of Wisconsin the Republicans have already taken away all of our rights now you want to take away our rights to the type of cigarettes we want to smoke it's just not right. Please let us make our own choices at something give us the right to smoke menthol cigarettes. Thank you very much

Somers, Karen M

From: Jeff McDermott [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:05 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: restrict menthol cigarettes

restrict all cigarettes if possible

Somers, Karen M

From: Tantaneshia Harris [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:05 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Im been wondering.....i moved to an new address and im not getting any coupons any more...how can i get them now....

Somers, Karen M

From: Deena J. Broussard [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:03 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

To Whom It May Concern:

As a former smoker I find it very offensive to hear that ANYONE is trying to ban the sale of a menthol cigarette. That was all I ever smoked. I couldn't stand a cigarette that was non-menthol. I have grown son's and daughter-in-law's that also feel this way. What is the difference whether the cigarette is menthol or non-menthol?? They do the same amount of damage to ones lungs. That should be our choice NOT the government. I have NEVER seen or heard of any study that could prove that menthol was any more harmful than non-menthol cigarettes. It seems to me that the government should find more important things to interfere with than cigarettes. We are losing our freedoms right and left and I feel that they have no business dictating the choice of cigarettes to us.

Sincerely,
Deena J. Broussard

Somers, Karen M

From: April none ya [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:02 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Newports

Hi my name is april bailey! I am 28 yrs old and have been smoking Newport menthols for 10 yrs! Please do not take my cig away

Somers, Karen M

From: jennifer vasquez [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:02 PM
To: TPSAC

please do not take out menthol cigarettes

Somers, Karen M

From: Anthony Dicks [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 9:57 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Opinion on methol cigarettes

I understand how some may believe that menthol cigarettes are more dangerous than non-menthol. However, banning them (I feel) would cause an extremely negative reaction from those whom smoke menthol cigarettes. Then you would also have to consider the possibility of the population being introduced to some kind of tobacco that can potentially be more lethal than what most believe menthol cigarettes are. There are millions of things in this great country that are "bad" for people to use and are killing people just as much if not more. Why single out menthol cigarettes? To ban these cigarettes just because of the health problems they may cause, should also mean things like alcohol and even sugar should be banned as well. I appreciate your taking time to read this and hope that, being a menthol smoker myself, I will continue to see them on the shelves along side all other cigarettes at my local stores and gas stations. Thank you very much.

Somers, Karen M

From: Pat Rogers [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 9:55 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

Please do not ban menthol cigarettes. I am a quadriplegic and smoking Newport cigarettes is the only enjoyment I have.

Thank You

Somers, Karen M

From: [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 9:53 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Metnthol Cigarettes

As an adult user of menthol cigarettes, I wanted to urge the committee to follow the science and not ban or restrict my personal choice to use menthol cigarettes.. I am not a heavy smoker but I do enjoy them and feel it is my right as long as a product is legal and is not really different than any other cigarette...

thank you

Douglas Henning
[REDACTED] (b) (6)]

Somers, Karen M

From: Bridgetta [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 9:52 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

To Whom It May Concern;

Please do not ban menthol cigarettes. Smokers have a choice. We also have rights to smoke menthol or non-menthol cigarettes.

Bridgetta Al-Hamzawi

Somers, Karen M

From: Oscar J. Engfer [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 9:52 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol cigarettes ban

I understand that you may ban menthol cigarettes. This is **government intrusion into private choices** of which the government is doing to much of. People should be allowed to make their own choices.

Ever wonder why people don't trust the government? Because the government sticks their nose into people's own private business where it dose not belong. We realize that special interest groups buys a lot of this legislation and that must stop. That's why the government keeps getting bigger and more expensive. To many government rules, regulations requires more people on the government payroll to write and enforce these things. We need to fire about 40% of them!

Oscar Engfer

Somers, Karen M

From: Lisa J Sperl Bondy [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 9:52 PM
To: TPSAC

Do not ban menthol cigarettes

Somers, Karen M

From: MaryJo Velez [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 9:51 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Opinion on Menthol Cigarettes

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this email to give my opinion on menthol cigarettes. I am currently a menthol smoker and have been for a while. To ban menthol cigarettes is unconstitutional. We, as people, have the right to smoke whatever kind of cigarette we choose. This is suppose to be the country of freedom and by banning menthol cigarettes, you are taking that freedom from us. That's like saying we can't eat a certain food because you think it's bad for us. This is just plan wrong in my opinion. Thank you for your time!!

MaryJo Velez
Menthol Smoker
Age 30

Somers, Karen M

From: Edwin Martin [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 9:51 PM
To: TPSAC

ROCK ON DUDES !!!

Somers, Karen M

From: Joe [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 9:51 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol smokes

I as a consumer would like to be able to choose what products I wish to buy, and not have u choose for me!

Somers, Karen M

From: Chris Loeb [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 9:50 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Listen

If menthol cigarettes are of more hazard than non-menthol cigarettes, than display it, don't band it! That's ridiculous that this is even an option. If there is scientific evidence which indicates that menthol cigarettes are of more harm, than just post warning labels on the packs of cigarettes..

Somers, Karen M

From: K [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 9:50 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

I know this may sound bold to some. But I am hooked on cigarettes, not just cigarettes, but menthol cigarettes. To take this away from me would be a wrong thing to do. It could make a person crazy and more harmful to ones life. If you cant give me guaranteed results of quitting smoking for good, for ever, then dont take my menthol cigarettes away from me please. I tried to stop smoking on several occasions with several remedies and all were failure and hell on my family. Please dont put me or them through it again.

Thanks,

Kim K ~ [REDACTED] (b) (6)]

Somers, Karen M

From: Kyle Cosby [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 9:49 PM
To: TPSAC

I believe that menthol cigarettes should still be legal, and especially Newports. I love their intensity and it is the only type of cigarette I enjoy. It is un-American to ban something like this and it is my personal choice of the type of chemical or whatever that I want to put into my body. If regulation has to be passed then let it be stronger warnings or specifics about what is in each cigarette and what it does, but do not ban them. This will just be another act of prohibition and the illegal import of menthol cigarettes will continue if this becomes the case, and all that will do is increase the "bad stuff" that goes into them, and remove all regulation and consistency of product. Please do not do this.

Sincerely,
Kyle and Gayle Cosby

Somers, Karen M

From: Josie Millikan [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 9:44 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Ridiculous Ban on Menthol Cigarettes

To whom it may concern;

I have recently learned of your intent to ban menthol cigarettes. I am letting you know that I do not agree with this at all. I am an adult as are anyone else who purchases cigarettes. If we choose to smoke and smoke menthols, then that is our right to. I really feel like all of your restrictions on this are ridiculous and borderline unconstititutional. I don't see you banning alcohol in restaurants because it might interfere with "family atmosphere". In short, we do not need the government telling us how to live our lives. With all that is going on in the world, this should be the absolute *last* thing to worry about.

And by the way...menthol cigarettes are not targeted toward children. In fact it was never Any advertisement that got any of us to smoke when we were younger. It was usually sheer curiosity and other friends.

Please find some real problems that need solutions and let adults make their own choices as to what kind of cigarettes we want to smoke.

Thank You

Josie K Millikan

Somers, Karen M

From: Dwight Jackson [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 9:44 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

I would greatly appreciate it if you would think twice about messing with the menthol cigarettes. If you take them away you may as well take them all away.

Somers, Karen M

From: MissC Nicole [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 9:40 PM
To: TPSAC; TPSAC
Subject: Newport Ciggs

I love Newport I've always smoked them and i don't want any other kind but Newport!
No other kind of cigarettes can compare favor and smoothness!!

Somers, Karen M

From: Mammie Franklin [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 9:39 PM
To: TPSAC

HELLO

I'M A SUPPORTER OF MENTHOL CIGARETTES AND I ASK YOU TO NOT BAND MENTHOL CIGARETTES. IF YOU BAND MENTHOL YOU SHOULD BAND ALL CIGARETTES IT SHOULD BE ALL OF NONE....

THANKS MAMMIE
A NEWPORT SMOKER

Somers, Karen M

From: Crystal Berry [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 9:39 PM
To: TPSAC

I only like menthol Newport cigarettes !! Do not change the laws about them. Its no different than Full Flavor cigarettes....

Somers, Karen M

From: [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 9:37 PM
To: TPSAC

I am a consumer of menthol cigarettes. I read the information provided me and there is no difference between menthol and non menthol cigs. Please do not ban them from the american people.
thank you
Diane C. Koons BSW

Somers, Karen M

From: Emily Thompson [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 9:36 PM
To: TPSAC

As a menthol smoking person i would like to tell you that this study is stupid. you already tax the [REDACTED] In out of cigarettes in the first place so what are wanting to take them away? you will lose ALOT of [REDACTED] acco money!! so it would be in your own interest to keep selling menthol cigarettes. besides that ITS MY BODY!!! if menthol is bad for me why do you care? if i want to smoke and make myself sick then thats MY DECISION. why does the government or its affiliates want to take over my life? i thought this was a free country... or at least a republic country where we could vote on what WE thought was right. now yall just want to take over everything. ask me its [REDACTED] In i want to smoke a menthol and i accordan will.

love, emily

In accordance with 21 CFR 20.10, the above words have been deleted.

Somers, Karen M

From: summer stephens [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 9:36 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol cigarettes

I am writing on behalf of the study you are doing. In my opinion there is no difference in either cigarettes.... I have been smoking for 10 years now, and smoked both brands. To me there shouldn't be a ban. It is in my rights to choose if I want to smoke or not. The same in drinking alcohol. It's a choice not privilege. Thank you for your time. Hopefully your decision does not cause a riot.

Somers, Karen M

From: Rosemarie Donohue [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 9:35 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

Please do not ban the sale of menthol cigarettes. There is no scientific proof of the difference between menthol and non menthol cigarettes. It is my right to choose to smoke or not to smoke and I should have a choice of the type of cigarette I want to smoke. That choice is menthol.

Thank You,
Rosemarie Donohue

Somers, Karen M

From: jimmy [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 9:32 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: do not ban newports

Attachments: image001.gif

Do not ban Newport's

"Faith is not being sure where you are going, but going anyway"

Somers, Karen M

From: Stacy Bennett [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 9:31 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol cigarettes

I know you've read the scientific evidence pertaining to Menthol cigarettes. I know you may even have your mind made up pertaining to the lunacy of the government dictating what I may do with my own body. What I don't know is if you've heard the words to our National Anthem. There is a line in there that is belted loudly before every major sporting event, no matter how violent that sport may be. The line I am speaking of is :**"the land of the FREE.."**Please do me, a smoker of menthol cigarettes, a great justice and make that line not be a hypocritical statement. I am an American. I have a RIGHT to live my life as I see fit, as long as I am a law abiding American citizen. Please let me continue to be one and throw away the idea of having a government with much larger problems than what flavor cigarette I choose to smoke be a topic to vote for or against clogging up the wheels of justice. I would greatly appreciate it if your time in government (and money) was spent on something -ANYTHING - more useful. I am an adult and would like to continue to live my life in this Great Land making my own choices. Don't make a mockery of our National Anthem and please don't treat me as a child. I am (b) (6) years young. Trying to ruin my day will not make the world a better place. **VOTE NO ON BANNING MENTHOL CIGARETTES & GET OUT OF MY OWN PRIVATE LIFE PLEASE.** I thank you for your time. Spend it wisely. Vote to help someone homeless or hungry. I do not have children and still pay school taxes. Can't we just call it even? Sincerely, Stacy Bennett

[REDACTED] (b) (6)

[REDACTED] (b) (6)

Somers, Karen M

From: Samantha Crouse [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 9:31 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol

The decision should be up 2 the consumer what is in their cigarettes. If they don't want menthol they wont buy menthol. The consumer should have the choice of cigarette they want instead of the fda taking away their choice. It is the consumers money and health they make the choice.

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 9:29 PM
To: TPSAC

I am a menthol smoker, n spend alot of money daily on.them n would be devistated if they were to be took off the shelves
Sent from my LG phone

Somers, Karen M

From: Felicia Ewell (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 9:29 PM
To: TPSAC

Do not ban.

Somers, Karen M

From: J L (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 9:28 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: DONT BAN MENTHOL CIGARETTES

Smoking cigarettes is a personal choice! If there is evidence that menthol is worse than non-menthol cigarettes that should be the decision of the buyer to make...PLUS CIGARETTES ARE NOT HEALTHY IN GENERAL. And this is the stupidist thing that you can do...banning just menthol makes no sense, because cigarettes as a whole, is unhealthy. But its everyones personal choice. Worry about doing something that would really help americans like banning cigarettes all together! But until you get close to doing that, dont mess with menthol!!

Somers, Karen M

From: Mike (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 9:27 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Don't ban menthol cigarettes

Please don't ban menthol cigarettes.I have smoked them all my life and could not see the world without them they are very useful to me and to all the other Newport smokers in the world

Mike

Somers, Karen M

From: Marisa Kristofik [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 9:26 PM
To: TPSAC

i think they should not blame it on either there is no difference other then menthol and non just trying to blme it on somthing if you ask me thanks for listening god bless

Somers, Karen M

From: victoria fowler [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 9:22 PM
To: TPSAC

please leave menthol alone go fight the battle on illegal drugs

Somers, Karen M

From: Raja Jaber [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 9:22 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Newport menthol

To whom this may concern: I believe the ban on menthol cigarettes is a bad decision if the government bans it due to the affect it will have on millions of people that the government will force to use an alternative. I have a strong feeling the ban on menthol will have a violent outcome from millions of menthol smokers that are being singled out because the type of cigarettes they enjoy. Now will you ban flavored alcohol next? Aren't smokers being singled out year after with tax increases. I don't see any changes with alcohol as much as cigarettes. Have you ever heard of someone overdosing on tobacco or driving impaired from a cigarette. Alcohol may have several reasons for government regulations, but I have never heard of anyone killing another driver under the influence of tobacco. I will really appreciate my message being taken under consideration. There are billions of dollars in tax money from us menthol smokers and in this state of our nations economy this is not a gamble to be taking a chance on. I also do not understand the ban on advertising for tobacco when you see a billboard on every corner showing a bottle of beer!

Sent from Raja Jaber

Somers, Karen M

From: Nevermind [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 9:21 PM
To: TPSAC

Dear Sirs:

Menthol is no worse than any other cigarette. It was bad enough you made them change to firesafe, they wont stay lit and for what we pay for a carton we deserve to smoke what we want. So get off the stop making menthol and do something else to help people, we know the health hazards of our habit. Like drinking which is legal, it kills as many from liver problems and various other problems and its all legal. I'm an adult. Don't tell me what kind of cigarettes I can smoke. Thanks.

Jennifer A Meyer

"Our time on this earth is not measured in years but in the impact we have made on other peoples lives"

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Somers, Karen M

From: [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 9:20 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Dont ban menthol ciggerattes

It should be our right to smoke menthol ciggerates if we want. Menthol ciggerates are no different then non menthol ciggerates. Whats going to be next we cant wear colored underwear because the dye will harm us. It should be our descion if we want to smoke menthol ciggerates it shouldnt be up to someone else to decide what we can an cant smoke its our own free will to smoke what we please. Whould you like it if someone told you you couldnt eat your favorite food anymore because they said so no you wouldnt so why should we have to stop smoking menthol ciggerates if we choose to smoke them in the first place... Stephanie juliano

Sent from my LG phone. a h 8 y a h O z l ^ r p wa f & (

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 9:18 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol instead of regular

It's our right to chose what want to smoke wether it's menthol or regular. Just like coffee they have ones that offer a insane amount of caffine yet nobody complains about that an how it effects people. So why make people only have one choice on tabacco, also when they offer so many different types of alcohol that harm just as bad in many different ways even or worse then tabacco does, menthol or regular the same. I mean really nobody kills somebody smoking an driving, that just sounds ridiculous doesn't it cause it does to me.

So how is it that you can just decide for the public on the type of tabacco we decide to use. Isn't it our right to the freedom of choice on what we as people use in life, cause if not we would all have everything identical to everybody else. Phones, Tv's, houses,clothes,etc so really why do that to us. Give us the choice on what we want to do, have a vote or something that really involves the public instead of choosing for use. It's only fair right cause what if we chose everything you did an you didn't like the outcome but had no choice, it wouldn't be all that great would it. So please save out right to choose to smoke Newport's cause again it's out right to choose the way we live our life.

Sincerly,
James Berumen

Sent from my iPod

Somers, Karen M

From: James White (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 9:12 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol cigarette

menthol should not be outlawed we have the right to choose

Somers, Karen M

From: Fred Krohn (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 9:10 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: More tobacco hypocrisy!

With the government having spent centuries feeding from tobacco taxation, it is pure hypocrisy for them to now consider banning menthol cigarettes - or any other non-hallucinatory smoking product - through the FDA. First, smoking isn't just a fad, it's an addiction, and just like with alcohol and Prohibition, such bans will fuel an underground market and provide poor-quality products more dangerous than the initial item. Second, the FDA isn't fit to make tobacco decisions, they should stick to inspecting commercial farm products. Third, we already have too much government; we should be seeking to cut back on government influence, not add another stupid and hard-to-enforce rule made by nanny-state idiots.

I have seen products less harmful than tobacco cigarettes banned, such as cloves, and feel that was in error as well. Though I don't smoke myself, I have nothing against courteous smokers - the kind who voluntarily smoke outdoors or in exhaust-vented designated smoking areas, and who deliberately avoid littering with their dog-end filters - and feel they should have the right to smoke what they want downwind of the rest of us. The government is wasting too much money on restrictions and not enough on becoming sustainable.

Somers, Karen M

From: NickieD (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 9:07 PM
To: TPSAC

PLEASE LEAVE OUR MENTHOYL CIGS ALNE AND NOT WASTE GOV MONEY

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Somers, Karen M

From: David Baer [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 9:05 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol tobacco

I like and enjoy menthol tobacco products and wish to have my opinion heard to keep menthol cigarettes on the market

Sent from my iPhone

Somers, Karen M

From: [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 9:02 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol

Newport menthol is the only kind I smoke so please dont get rid of them. Thanks

Somers, Karen M

From: [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 9:01 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

We are slowly loosing all our rights. I know smoking is bad for you, but feel that if you are of legal age it is a decision you should be allowed to make for yourself. No matter what brand of cigarettes you choose. Don't take more of our rights away

Somers, Karen M

From: Derek Cornwall [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 8:59 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol

If the gov. Bands what type of cigarets we can have a people, for me this is a huge step towards a socialist nation, I believe this would just be the first reaction in a chain of those to come. I think this is absurd. Keep menthol cigarets, its my body let me do to it what I will!!!!

Sent from my iPhone

Somers, Karen M

From: Joe [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 8:59 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol ban

Please take these off the market... I've been smoking newport cigarettes for 20 years and would love to see them off the market so I can quit.... Thank you.... Joe

i-phone

Somers, Karen M

From: Holly [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 8:58 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

Note that I disagree with the FDA proposal to treat menthol cigarettes differently than non-menthol cigarettes. Since this campaign is only about the money and not about the citizens or health or any such ridiculous fraudulent cover story, the FDA should cease its witch hunt based on manipulated data. Money and funding don't talk, they scream. So many other challenges of safety to the public that the government determines have very little negative effect on health only later are discovered of really having negative impact. This is another shaded attempt to hide the actual impetus behind the "findings." Every day the government oversteps its boundaries, one small step at a time. Enjoy your new america.

Somers, Karen M

From: Israel Johnson [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 8:57 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Regulating Smoking

I don't think that the Government, should be allow to tell me that I shouldn't smoke this brand of cigarette, because it has to much Menthol in my brand, The Government should regulate other things besides smoking, the Government dosen't have the right to tell me a grown person, how to live my life, there are already enough Government rules and regulations that make this country such a great place to live. So stop violating my right to do what I want to do with my life, If I choose to smoke so be it. If I die from cancer as a result of my smoking so be it, it was my choice in the first to pick up the habit of smoking, and besides its something that I enjoy doing, life is about choices and this is one of mind.

Respectfully,

Israel

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 8:55 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: NO BAN!

I, Jami Keeton, have been smoking Newport cigarettes for about 15 yrs. I have no Respiratory Problems- I know we (smokers) would be better off if we Quit- But, a Cigarette is a Cigarette.. Don't ban The Menthol (Newports) , PLEASE! We should be able to make our own decisions as adults. Thanks so Much, a Very concerned consumer/Newport Lover! ;)

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 8:55 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Don't ban menthol cigarettes

Unless you plan to ban cigarettes all together, which I don't see happening anytime soon, I should have the right to smoke any flavor or brand I choose since I am a consenting adult. Unless you can provide evidence of an illegal substance being used in menthol cigarettes mind your own business. Spend your efforts stopping non-smokers from starting rather than interfering with the preferences of those who already do.

Sent from my BlackBerry® smartphone

Somers, Karen M

From: Mrs.Stro (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 8:55 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: chiquitaosborne@yahoo.com

Do not band menthol cigarettes! How do you think you have the say so on what someone smokes! That's not right at all... I don't need anyone telling me what I can and can't smoke! Remember its by choice and I chose to smoke menthol! I live menthol! I love menthol!

Sent from Samsung mobile

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 8:54 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Lorillard Tobacco Company

To whom it May Concern, Yes I'm a smoker I have try non menthol an I don't care for them. Myself prefer the menthol brand I feel everyone has the right to smoke what brand they like.

Somers, Karen M

From: Christine Rewey (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 8:54 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: ban on menthol cigs

If you are going to ban menthol, you should ban all cigarettes. It's not fair. I have been smoking menthol cigarettes for 20 years. I do not have any health problems at all, I have clear lungs, my breathing is great, I cannot remember the last time that I was sick. It would not be beneficial to ban menthol cigarettes.

Somers, Karen M

From: dewey1974 (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 8:52 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Stop the possible ban of menthol cigarettes

I recently heard that the fda could possibly ban menthol cigarettes, this is an outrage because there's no difference between menthol and non-menthol. I have been a menthol smoker for 20 years (Newport) and if menthol is banned I would be very upset.

Thank You Donald White

Somers, Karen M

From: Amy Wetzel (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 8:46 PM
To: TPSAC

To whom it may concern. I smoke Newport menthol ciggarettes and have for 14 years. I think banning or restricting menthol is a form of discrimination. I believe it is my personal choice as an American, to smoke menthol cigarettes. Soda pop isnt good for us either but, i dont see the U.S. Food and Drug Administration trying to restrict or ban it. I dont believe menthol ciggarettes should be treated any differently than non-menthol. When i pick up a cigarette and smoke, i know the health risks i am taking but, ITS MY CHOICE TO DO SO!!

Thank you,
Amy M. Wetzel

My email is (b) (6)

Somers, Karen M

From: Patty Mullen (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 8:45 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

Menthol Cigarettes are a choice. The government lready mandate how much to charge and where we can smoke them now you want to take Menthol away completely. Than you should take them all away. But by doing that the governments will lose revenue. Leave us alone we have followed all of the rules already and we get hit with the highest tax. Whenever the governments need money, the first people they target are the tobacco users. Hit someone else already...What about alcohol and fast food. Tax that or maybe just take away the flavours and just have grain alcohol and take away the salt and ketchup used on fast food. As an American I have a right to make a personal choice to use any legal product that I choose good or bad for ME!

Somers, Karen M

From: angelheart (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 8:43 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Stop Judging us

To whom it may concern,
What harm are we doing to you for you to take it in your hands to get rid of our menthol cigarettes. Cigarettes bring more taxes then any protect out here. If we want to kill our selfs let us so do it. Know one has that right to judge another. There are drunk drivers out there killing baby's and people every day. The laws for drinking are unbelievable. Kill a child drinking and driving get off... Kill someone walking down the street drinking and driving ,get a slap on the back an walk... But take a puff of a menthol cigarettes destroy YOUR OWN LUNGS!!! GIVE MORE MONEY IN TAXING THEN ANYONE, And your being judge by someone who never even touch a cigarette.. I thought this was a free country, USA UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ... Please don't destroy that... Go after the ones who are killing others, not ones killing there self. We know the risk, if we cared to stop we would....

and second hand smoke who come up with that one.... what a joke... All I'm saying to all of you is leave are cigarettes alone.... IF WE WANT TO KILL OURSELFS, PLEASE!! LET US... Don't take away something that brings you money.... a lot of money.. Did you ever think of that... Thank you,
Killing myself on my own,
LaVerne Romanelli

Somers, Karen M

From: Amanda Lehman [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 8:42 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol newports

please do not get rid of menthol newports. i have been a smoker of newports for a while now and do not like non menthols. i love the strong menthol that they have

Somers, Karen M

From: mikeandtonyatanner [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 8:41 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: FDA my opinion on menthol cigarettes

science does not justify increased regulation of menthol cigarettes there all the same non menthol and menthol all cigarettes should be treated the same no matter what.

thanks,

Tonya Tanner

[REDACTED] (b) (6)

Somers, Karen M

From: Karen Sublett [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 8:39 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Banning of Newport Methol Cigarettes

Please do not ban Newport Menthol Cigarettes. A cigarette is a cigarette whether menthol or regular.

Thank you!

Karen Sublett

Somers, Karen M

From: Loretha Edwards (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 8:39 PM
To: TPSAC
Cc: Loretha Edwards
Subject: Menthol Cigarette Ban

To whom it may concern,

My name is Loretha Edwards and I have been a smoker for 10 years. I am writing to you about menthol cigarettes. I understand that you have compiled a report to ban this brand of cigarettes. I feel compelled to explain to you why this must not happen.

As you know most of the country smokes, but what you might not know is that a big majority of the country smoke menthol cigarettes. I happen to be one of these people. Now I can tell you that I smoke because I have developed an unhealthy addiction and can't quit, but that wouldn't be the truth.

I smoke because I enjoy it, plain and simple. I choose to smoke menthol cigarettes because they are alot smoother than non-menthol cigarettes and have more flavor than light cigarettes. I have tried all three strengths and I find that menthol is what I like.

I am not alone in this opinion. I know over 200 people that smoke menthol cigarettes in my neighborhood alone. My friends and family smoke menthol cigarettes. If you ban menthol cigarettes what is that going to do to the people that enjoy smoking them. We haven't asked for them to be banned and there is no scientific evidence that menthol cigarettes are any more or less healthier than non-menthol or light cigarettes, but these strengths haven't been banned, nor has there been an attempt to try to ban them.

Do you really think that this is fair. To ban something that people truly enjoy, just for your own benefit??

If you poll the people of the United States and ask them what strength of cigarette do they smoke, I can almost promise you that menthol cigarettes would come in as number one.

So before you decide to ban menthol cigarettes and have people pushed back into the Speak-Easy Era, where we have to get them smuggled in, take another look at how many people this ban is going to affect. It's not just going to affect the people who smoke menthol cigarettes, but it will put the businesses that sell them into bankruptcy.

This ban will cause a domino effect of financial downfall for alot more people than you might think.

Sincerely,

Loretha Edwards

Somers, Karen M

From: Arielle Mccray (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 8:38 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Newport smokers

I'm a supporter of not banning newport menthols for lorillard!! Thank you a proud supporter arielle mccray

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Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 8:37 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Ban

I say BAN them!! They are only killing us off. How can someone sell a product that kills its consumers. If a drug dealer sells a drug that kills someone, they go to prison! Tobacco companies are above that law?? I hope that you use this email to help the people of this world that are dying because of this product!!!
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Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 8:35 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: (no subject)

[Please dont take away newports menthol cigarettes. they are the only thing i can smoke without gagging. PLEASE DONT BAN NEWPORT MENTHOL CIGARETTES!](#)

Somers, Karen M

From: William Harman (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 8:35 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol

To whom this may concern,
You are taking away our American rights if you band Mentholated cigarettes. if you don't like them don't smoke them.

Thank you,
Your Fellow American

Somers, Karen M

From: Tina Murphy [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 8:34 PM
To: TPSAC

I do not agree with the banning of menthol cigarette. I do not think it is write for the ban against them if there should be a ban on anything. It should be on all these woman out here that keep having baby after baby staying on public assistance wasting the tax payer's money. Now there should be a ban started on something serious like that don't you think so.

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Somers, Karen M

From: Linda Ricard [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 8:32 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: MENTHOL CIGARETTES

Please don't Take away the menthol cigarettes. I smoke them, for the flavor. I don;t care for the non-menthol. And there is no proof that menthol cigarettes are any worse than non-menthol. Please reconsider us menthol smokers...Don't take them away from us, PLEASE.....
New Hampshire, smoker

Somers, Karen M

From: allison briley [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 8:30 PM
To: TPSAC
Cc: newport@newportpleasures.com
Subject: Ban on Menthol Cigarettes

You already have too much control over people's lives. I am a Newport brand menthol smoker and don't think you have the right to take that away from me! Worry about yourself and leave the smokers and menthol smokers alone. Enough already!

Signed,
Allison Briley

Somers, Karen M

From: linda frazier [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 8:27 PM
To: TPSAC

do not remove menthol cigarettes, stop to think what the whole world would be like if we removed menthol from everything????? what would happen to vicks products?? how many other products are in this world that are not healthy for people, come in different flavors?? thank you linda frazier

Somers, Karen M

From: Maria Pinkney [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 8:26 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: save newports

I am a well over 21 yrs. of age smoker.Im writing in regards to the government stoping the sale/manufacturing of any and all menthol cigarettes. First of all its absurd of the idea that would stop it period. Especially when there are other things seemingly more important things needing to be stopped than menthol cigs. But lets keep it on the matter at hand. To my understanding people in this country still have the freedom of choice which is a gift offered to everyone everywhere from the creator God Himself. Freewill its called.Its my will to freely choose to start or stop smoking, regardless of the brand or type.Yeah,cigs are bad period and I want to stop. What ever you decide think of whats best for the majority.If the government succeeds in this it will only be the beginning of world-wide control.Control your own household before trying to govern anothers.Ask yourselves is your wives,husbands,children,education,health and soul where its suppose to be? Are you happy?etc. etc.You can't save me while you're drowning too!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Somers, Karen M

From: Tanya Gruntfest [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 8:26 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

To whom it may concern,

It has come to my attention that there is a special committee that may rule to ban menthol cigarettes. There has been significant research that shows that the effects of non and menthol cigarettes are the same. My opinion is that you have no right to ban any type of cigarettes. It is a person's choice if they wish to smoke or not. Just like it is to drink alcohol, take prescription drugs, eat fast food, etc.; all of which can either kill you or do you great harm. I find it quite alarming everytime I see a commercial for a prescription medication and they say "side effects may include". Are you kidding? Most of them are worse than smoking. Not to mention all the ads stating.. "Have you taken this medication? If so you may be entitled to compensation". Those are for drugs approved by the FDA.

Yet they've resulted in death, liver disease, etc. I am 39 yrs old, and not that I'm so proud to be a smoker, but I've have been for a very long time. I get sick maybe once every 2 years. In the rare event that I do, I don't dare take a prescription. The last time I took penicilin, I ended up with thrush mouth, nautious and had diarrhea. Now I choose herbal or holistic remedies and it works just fine. Anyway, my point is that there are numerous things in this world that can effect your health or kill you. Each thing effects a person differently. It should always be a person's right to choose.

Sincerely,
Tanya Gruntfest

Somers, Karen M

From: Salery, Kalah [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 8:23 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Newport Menthols

I feel as though the FDA should not get rid of Newport Menthol Cigarettes. There is no difference (as far as side effect) between Menthol and Full Flavored Cigarettes. It should be the People's choice to choose what type of cigarettes they want to smoke. The FDA is taking that option away. There are not too many people who smoke full flavored Newpors, better yet full flavored in any type of Cigarette brand. Newport Menthol is my brand and as I stated earlier You should let them stay on the market. Sales would probably plummet for Newports and sky rocket for other brands.

Somers, Karen M

From: Barbara Jozefowicz [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 8:27 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

To Whom it May Concern,

I feel the government has no right to ban menthol cigarettes. Apparently, scientific evidence shows the risk of menthol is no worse than the risk of non menthol. The bottom line is the government is getting way too controlling of our everyday lives, instead of focusing on true American issues. NO American CITIZEN should be hungry or unemployed (except by choice), and the government needs to quit wasting money on findings of menthol cigarettes, and spend it where it is needed! We have gotten so far off track on why this free country was created. At this point the only ones with true rights are the criminals and the illegals. Let's focus on what is necessary and not what is a waste of time and money. I want my menthol!

Barbara Jozefowicz

Somers, Karen M

From: Tracy Phillips (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 8:24 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol ciggarettes

Dear FDA,

Regarding Menthol ciggarettes, isn't doing research on this redundant? It's smoking. It's inhaling smoke into your body. Anyone who smokes KNOWS that this is NOT good for you. I am a smoker. I am a MENTHOL ciggarette smoker. If you ban menthol ciggarettes, where will the banning stop. Caffeine, non-dark chocolate, etc.

However, my friend is asthmatic. There are these huge gas guzzling suburbans and Hummers driving around putting out God knows what in their burning gasoline. Yet, one of the departments FDA, EPA, LMNOP....had deemed that my friend's albuterol inhalers be changed to a less ozone damaging spray. Every person who used this BEFORE the big change over to the new inhaler spray will tell you that it takes DOUBLE the amount to get relief of the asthmatic symptoms. It's crazy.

Please stop the study of menthol ciggarettes. Your wasting your time and your money. But, then again, some folks do actually have a job because of this study.

Thank you!

Theresa Phillips
(b) (6)

Somers, Karen M

From: wendi whitney (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 8:21 PM
To: TPSAC

To Whom it may concern:

I have been a smoker of newport menthol for over 20 years, and I really wish you would leave us alone to make our own decisions on what we want to do with our lives.

This is supposed to be America, the free.

Not where, we are goverened and told what we can do, or how, and when we can do it

This is getting ridiculous, leave people alone so we can make our own decisions.

I already have cancer, but not in my lungs, it started in my uterus and spread to my intestions. I am going to enjoy my life the way that I want to and I am going to continue smoking. If we stopped everything that you claimed was bad for us, we'd all be dead. Our ancestors lived a lot longer the way they wanted, and now our government is controlling every aspect of our lives.

Remember we were the ones who put you in office, and we can make sure that you don't get re-elected. We still have that right left.

Your supposed to be for the people, why don't you concentrate on keeping jobs in America, and

getting us out of debt, and out of this recessions.

Plus you need to focus on the lower class that everyone, seems to forget about. The ones that truly are struggling to survive, because everything keeps going higher and we are not making any more.

Plus you need to worry about our schools for our children, start focusing where it should actually be pointed at, and not at the little stuff, that we can make our own decisions. We don't need you to do it for us.

Sincerely,
Wendy Whitney

Somers, Karen M

From: Polarbearspad20 [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 8:21 PM
To: TPSAC

My name is Paul Dahlen and I am a Newport smoker and I do not want u guys to get rid of these cigarette because my self and people I know smoke Newports and they are a good brand Dragon Ninja

Somers, Karen M

From: Loretha Edwards [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 8:21 PM
To: TPSAC
Cc: Loretha Edwards
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

To whom it may concern,

My

Somers, Karen M

From: Magdalena Martinez [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 8:18 PM
To: TPSAC

Why a decision is taken over menthol when there are others cigarettes or tabacco that are interfering with humans health life

Somers, Karen M

From: Katrina [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 11:17 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

Not all of us smokers can smoke regular tabacco and we prefer the menthol . Please keep menthol for the menthol smokers . I would rather see people smoking menthol legally than adding another drug to the street !!

Somers, Karen M

From: jazzman tim [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 8:17 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol ban

here are the facts, if you ban menthol cigarettes, you will have a riot on your hands, it is a well known fact that most menthol smokers are BLACK. (oh ,i mean afro american) anyway, this will be seen as a anti black. besides the fact that all this is [REDACTED] In [REDACTED] and you know it, so go ahead and ban them and see what happens the ASPCA will be so far up your [REDACTED] In [REDACTED] acc, etc etc etc.

[REDACTED] In accordance with 21 CFR 20.10, the above words have been deleted.

Somers, Karen M

From: Sharon Freeman [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 8:13 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol

It sounds to me you will find any way to make the people of the country who wish and do smoke menthol to make life harder for them. We smoke menthol because we like them, and if you do not smoke them then why are you sticking your two bits into this. There is no evidence that they are any worse than any other cigarette out there. It's bad enough when BIG BROTHER is trying to make our lives harder, but for you to come along and single out one form of cigarette is wrong. Leave the menthol cigarettes alone.

Sharon Freeman

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 8:12 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol cigarettes

Please do not ban them. This is by choice. Thank You

Somers, Karen M

From: Anna Morris (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 8:12 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

I happen to ENJOY smoking and therefore am NOT ready nor willing to quit! Given this fact, the ONLY flavor I smoke is MENTHOL!!!!!! Getting rid of menthol would be forcing me to quit something I am not ready to quit! In addition, it's my body! I can do with it what I please! Thanks!

Somers, Karen M

From: Steve Konley (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 8:12 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Quit Violating My Rights!

If I want to smoke, its my choice. If I want to smoke menthol its my choice. Enough already.

Somers, Karen M

From: Naomi M (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 8:11 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to you in regards to the recent consideration to possibly have the FDA ban menthol cigarettes. I personally have been a smoker for 20 years and always have smoked menthol. I am already having a hard time quitting let alone having the only type or flavor I smoke taken off the market. I am very concerned as to how this will effect me as I don't see myself being able to quit just like that. I also been having personal issues which are causing alot of stress and I was advised by my physician that I am not ready to attempt quitting at this time. I completely agree with him. As much as I would love to just quit, it is not the right time.

I believe scientific evidence should be considered when making such a decision. From what I have read there is no scientific evidence to support a reason for banning menthol cigarettes. The science is clear and does not demonstrate that menthol cigarettes have the same health effects as nonmenthol cigarettes. Menthol neither causes people to smoke, nor deters them from quitting. A

menthol cigarette is just another cigarette and should be treated no differently. Menthol cigarettes simply give smokers a taste choice. I can completely agree with the science as to how smoking effects our health, however, I do not agree with taking away a flavor of a cigarette. I thank you for your time and I hope that my voice will be heard in making such a decision.

Sincerely,
Naomi Mandell

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 8:09 PM
To: TPSAC

i think that they should not ban them because i do smoke and i have done them more than ten years and i do enjoy smoking them thanks

Somers, Karen M

From: Harriett Clark (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 8:09 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Save Newport Cigarettes

Dear Sirs,

I have been a proud smoker of Newport Menthol Cigarettes for years and taking them away is taking away my rights to smoke. I will tell you this, that everyone I know smokes Newport menthol. If you are going to take them away; then ban all cigarettes from being on the maket. I find this to be outrageous.. There is no evedence that these cigarettes crystalize a thing..... It's all the mess they put in food that flips peoples' immune system around. My family has snoked for years and lived at a rightful age(grandmothers and granfather lived to be102 and they both smoked menthol) So, Please do us a favor and let us live our lives in private.

Somers, Karen M

From: Eva Ortiz (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 8:03 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol cigarettes

I am a menthol cigarette smoker that would hate to see my cigarettes change. Please vote no!

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 8:02 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol cigarette's

Please don't ban menthol!! if there's no difference in a regular cigarette then why ban something some of us like?

Thanks,
Christy Ketron

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 8:00 PM
To: TPSAC

I received an e-mail from newport asking for help against the ban of menthol cigarettes and I was amazed. I'm a cigarette smoker, a newport smoker in fact, and I want you to know that I am totally FOR the ban against menthol cigarettes. Any cigarette for that matter because they are killers. They are in no way necessary and the ban would make it easier for people like me who want to quit smoking. Thank you.

Sincerely,
RTR.

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 7:58 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Newport

Its my choice to smoke menthol cigarettes. Land of the free America right?
Sent on the Sprint® Now Network from my BlackBerry®

Somers, Karen M

From: jason cichon (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 7:56 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol cigarettes

I am writing to express my opinion on banning menthol cigarettes and would like to say that I feel you have no right to ban this form of cigarettes. As a menthol smoker I dont think you should have the right to ban them and it is my right to smoke them no matter the risk to my health. I understand my health risks in smoking and if you ban menthol cigarettes people will find a way to purchase them even with a ban in place.

Somers, Karen M

From: Amanda Jones (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 7:54 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol cigarettes should not be banned

I have heard for years and years that menthol cigarettes are worse for you than regular cigarettes, however, the fact remains that all cigarettes will kill you. They will all cause lung problems, cancer, and emphysema. Most people who smoke know this. Most people who smoke chose to smoke regardless of the danger, becasue we are addicted to the nicotene. Both menthol and non menthol are equally addictive, however, people who smoke menthol are also addicted to the menthol flavor. Dont believe me? Ask someone who normally smokes menthol to smoke a regular cigarette and they will say only if Im out. If you ban menthol cigarettes because they are dangerous you should ban all cigarettes, because they will all kill you, they will all cause cancer. I and many other will protest and possibly riot if our cigarettes are taken off the market.

Somers, Karen M

From: Laura Shelton [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 7:54 PM
To: TPSAC

I believe menthol should be taking off all shelves there very harmful from the fiber glass in them.

Somers, Karen M

From: Cayla Redding [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 7:53 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol cigarettes

i think that banning menthol cigarettes is a very bad idea! i am a menthol cigarette smoker myself, but i think that banning menthol cigarettes will make alot cigarette companies loose TONS of business. Menthol cigarettes are no more harmful than any other cigarette. I really dont see the point in taking this action...what do you think it will benefit? people will stop smoking?...highly doubt it, theyll just find another way to get it. Better health?.....definatly not, all cigarettes have the same effect. Thats like saying you want to ban chocolate ice cream....for what purpose?? its just a preferred flavor....some people dont like vanilla....and preferrably, i dont like non-menthol cigarettes....and neither do about 90% of the people ive met! I really think this would be a dumb decison. Please let us continue to enjoy our mentol cigarretes!

Cayla

Somers, Karen M

From: Chris Ford [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 7:52 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol cigarettes

I have unfortunately been a smoker for most of my life. I have smoked several kinds and brands of cigarettes and through my experience I have found that menthol cigarettes seem to be a stronger cigarette but have given me no reason to believe that menthol is any worse than a non-menthol. I am a Newport smoker and I plan on keeping it that way for the future of my smoking time and I want the truth about menthol cigarettes to be seen. They are all the same they will all cause cancer and they will all kill the same in the end so please let us enjoy them while we still can.

Somers, Karen M

From: Daniel Gibbs [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 7:52 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol

The lowest blow to black ppl ever if white ppl smoked Menthol we wouldn't even be having this debate. But image Obama losing this next election and us not even having the brand of our choice for comfort. Good luck..

Somers, Karen M

From: [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 7:51 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Don't ban newport menthol

We are all aware of the risk of smoking I am 29 years old and I have been smoking a pack a day for 18 years, I was a reactor operator on a nuclear submarine in the us navy for 4 and a half years so I am well educated in several fields such. As electrical power production by the primary and secondary systems of a nuclear power plant and the harmful effects of radiation from the nuclear fission of the uranium 235 in our reactors along with very complex heat transfer and fluid flow so I am not uneducated and do not have a. Low iq I still choose to smoke newport menthol along with all these other americans choosing to smoke and are not ignorant to the risks and do not need to and I believe have the right to smoke to smoke whatever we choose there is no reason to ban or make our choices for us, thank you for your time and please consider my opinion.

Sincerely,

Brian A. Selvage

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

Somers, Karen M

From: lamar hurst [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 7:48 PM
To: TPSAC

to whom it may concern:

if your going to take menthol ciggerettes off the market, then go all the way and take all cigerettes off the market. People have the choice to smoke menthol or regular cigerettes and its not up to the state to make that decision for the people. if science has come to a concensus that menthol is no more harmful than non menthol this should not be an issue.thanks for your time and consideration

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 7:46 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Fwd: Help Us Save Newport Menthol Cigarettes!

Please do not ban menthol cigarettes.

Thank you,

Charlene Jones

-----Original Message-----

From: Newport <Newport@newportpleasures.com>
To: (b) (6)
Sent: Wed, Mar 2, 2011 5:36 pm
Subject: Help Us Save Newport Menthol Cigarettes!

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Somers, Karen M

From: David Dewey (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 7:43 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol cigarettes

Hello,

I am writing you today to ask that menthol cigarettes be treated no different than non-menthol cigarettes. I have been a smoker for the better part of fifteen years. I have been a menthol smoker for the last ten of those years. From my personal experience I can tell you that physically there is no difference between the two. Menthol is a flavor choice for many Americans. Banning menthol is completely uncalled for.

Like many Americans I feel I should be able to make my own decisions about my health choices. And if I choose to smoke menthol cigarettes, I should be allowed to do so.

Thank you for your time,

David M Dewey

Somers, Karen M

From: Total Insurance - Brian Kownacky [totalinsurance@earthlink.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 7:43 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol cigarettes

You guys got to be kidding! Banning menthol cigarettes is really pushing it. if you get your way, you'll then ban all cigarettes. If the states lose their tax revenue from cigarettes, you'll be looking to tax something else. Let's ban or overtax something you enjoy – why not start with wine – then we'll move on to taxing food served at restaurants with a generous tax – let's say 50% tax on your food bill. Should we continue?

Instead of wasting your time and money on determining if menthol cigarettes should be banned, why don't you (advocates) turn your attention to figure out ways to get jobs back to the US for legal Americans. Investigate why the US needs to get involved in every other country's business – give us a report on that, but, oh, that may offend some politicians and their egos.

Let's get real – you advocates have turned the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA into pansies.

Brian Kownacky

Somers, Karen M

From: Rita Colegrove [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 7:43 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Please keep Newports on the market

Sent from my iPhone

Somers, Karen M

From: nomatteruk [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 7:42 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Shakedown

I do not feel that there is a justified need to stop the sale of specifically Menthol Cigarettes. All cigarettes are bad for people so what is the use in only stopping the sale of Menthol. I as a smoker have the right to smoke and the right to chose which type of cigarette I smoke. Science does not have the right to make that decision for me. I would greatly appreciate it if you halted your attack on Menthol cigarettes immediately. If all cigarettes are banned that's one thing, but to pick and choose which ones can be sold is ignorant. Freedom of choice is one of the rights of being an American, so I choose to continue to smoke Menthol. Even if the decision is made to stop the sale of Menthol they will just end up like alcohol in the prohibition era and be sold on the black market. What then? We put people in jail for simply choosing to smoke Menthol. That's a great idea. Let's burden our already over burdened justice system for cigarettes. All of us smokers understand that no matter which cigarette we decide to smoke they are all bad for us. If we decide to continue to hurt our lungs and bodies, that's our choice not yours.

Nigel Cammack

Somers, Karen M

From: Woodward, Woody [Contractor] [Woody.Woodward@stanleyassociates.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 7:38 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: newport Cigarettes

I have been smoking Newport Menthol Cigarettes since my 21st birthday and believe you folks should leave people alone who can enjoy smoking in their own space of this universe.

I turned 70 in Feb of this year. And do not enjoy having things I love taken away by another individual or group of scientists that have nothing better to do than worry about who they can control.

Please put your energies on creating jobs for poor people and be a useful group. You all need to quit

lying about claiming That menthol is worse than any other tobacco product.

Like I said get a life and do something constructive with your brain not taking joy from a Veteran Who served 20 years in the Navy, 14 years in Civil Service Engineering and 18 years as a Senior

Engineer in Highly Technical Systems.

I love NEWPORT Filter Cigarettes.

Woody

(b) (6) Home

(b) (6) Cell

Somers, Karen M

From: karen s. pesce (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 7:37 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Ban on Newports

I am seventy one years old
and tell you alcohol is more
harmful to young people than
cigarettes.

I'm speaking from a sad personal
experience.

William J. Fleming

(b) (6)

Somers, Karen M

From: Monica A Koshivas [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 7:31 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: My Rights

This is supposed to be a free country with freedom of choice. I choose to smoke and I choose to smoke menthol cigarettes. Menthol is no more harmful than regular cigarettes. It is just another attempt by the government to restrict our rights and conform to their will. Smokers are already lepers as far as any rights. Where will it end? Maybe when the lawmakers have one of their rights infringed on they will understand why the voters of this country are so disappointed with our government. Hopefully that will happen before the disgruntled public protest as other countries are doing at this very moment. Please try to be open minded in that there have always been choices in this country, and it is something our forefathers fought and shed blood for. Stop the craziness!!!!

Sincerely
Monica A Koshvas

Somers, Karen M

From: frank chavez [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 7:30 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: ban on menthol product

the choice for someone to smoke menthol products should be left to the individual not a comity of most likely non-smokers. maybe you should concentrate on getting health insurances to cover stop smoking products. thank you

Somers, Karen M

From: Laura Johnson [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 7:30 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarette

I am a menthol smoker I think the harm is smoking is the same for menthol or non-menthol. It should be our choice. Please do not ban menthol cigarettes.

Thank you

Somers, Karen M

From: Richard Page [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 7:26 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol controversy

History is replete with examples of scientific beliefs later proven false. What is a healthy diet this year is unhealthy next. I would not want to bet the farm on whether menthol is better or worse for you. The fact we do know is that tobacco products are filled with carcinogens and that manufacturers have been loading them up with addictive additives for decades.

It's the nicotine, stupid, not the menthol.

Somers, Karen M

From: Christine Hunt [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 7:25 PM
To: TPSAC

stop up seating USA smoker . we in joy ours habit like other with there choc let or there achol. Everyone has a habit the not good for them. you need to stop tell us what is good and bad and change you report that is good . A person wiht their habit only when their are readed to change their habit can stop thier habits. so give the report and let the people make up their minds with their habits

Somers, Karen M

From: michael10sley Tinsley [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 7:25 PM
To: TPSAC

Why is menthol additives to cigarettes receiving so much attention ?
I've been a smoker of menthol cigarettes for 50 years and find it peculiar that the FDA would single out menthol for scrutiny.
Half the smokers in the US smoke menthol cigarettes and you will have a revolution on your hands if you ban menthol cigarettes.

Michael Tinsley

[REDACTED] (b) (6)

Somers, Karen M

From: Roger Gregoire [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 7:24 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Methol

Band all cigarettes I need to quit im addicted and can't stop smoke 4 packs a day if you band them I would have no choice but to stop. Please help me

Somers, Karen M

From: paul [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 7:24 PM
To: TPSAC

MENTHOL CIGS HELPS SINUS AND ASTHMA PROBLEMS IN MY SITUATION KEEPS THE AIRWAYS CLEARED AND BREATHING GREAT I HAVE NO SIGNS OF CANCER AND IN BETTER HEALTH NOW THAN EVER

Somers, Karen M

From: Nitara Holley [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 7:22 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol cigs

Do not discontinue menthol cigarettes based on the fact that they may or may not be more harmful! It is my personal choice to smoke them, please stop interfering with my life and civil liberties!
Sincerely,
Nitara Holley

Somers, Karen M

From: Jamie Kimery [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 7:21 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol newports cigs

Im writing to say im a loyal smoker of newport menthol please do notban [REDACTED] could be greatly disappointed and love newport menthol a concerned citazen of [REDACTED] (b) (6).

Somers, Karen M

From: curt [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 7:21 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: anti ban on menthol

To whom it may concern at the FDA,

Banning the sale of menthol cigarettes is not only un-American and an example of government overreach, but is unfair to legal hardworking people that smoke them. People work hard there whole lives, raise children, and play by the rules and sometimes there cigarette is the only thing they they have that is relaxing and helps them get threw there day. It makes no since to ban menthol when only 30% of smokers smoke it and the remaining 70% is non menthol. why not ban the non menthol instead? not that I would advocate that. The fact of the matter is menthol cigarettes are no different then non menthol, there is no higher death rate, they are not more addictive, and when I was younger in high school it didn't matter if the cigarette was menthol or not ,it made no difference to us ,so the argument that younger kids smoke them because it masks the harshness is just not true. If there is no menthol people will just move to non menthol and be very angry in the process. I have no problems with not smoking in buildings and reducing certain types advertising by tobacco companies, and educating younger kids to the health risks, but banning menthol all together is an outrage, not to mention how much the federal government taxes cigarettes...they are 10 dollars a pack now when just 3 or 4 years ago they where four dollars a pack. How much more can you do to annoy the smoking community, please let us live are lives as we see fit and stop interfering. We no it is not good for are health and choose to take that risk because this is America and we can do that . I pay for my health insurance and I pay my taxes so there should be no reason for you to over step and start taking away rights we have had for years. If you want to ban the sale of cigarettes to people who don't pay taxes and don't pay for health insurance then that's one thing. but to the people who do there should be only one conclusion on your part, it is there individual free will to choose to smoke a menthol cigarette or any cigarette and its not are place to stop them.

sincerely,

Curtiss Zielinski

Somers, Karen M

From: David Emglad [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 7:18 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Leave my legal vice alone

Quit being ridiculous, so you want a bootleg menthol market. Grow up and find a serious cause!!!!!!!

Somers, Karen M

From: Willie Robinson [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 7:16 PM
To: TPSAC

Please save the menthol newports it's no difference from nonmenthol cigarettts

Somers, Karen M

From: Carmen Santiago [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 7:14 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Ban and/or Restrictions on Menthol cigarettes

I think it is unfair to ban or restrict menthol cigarettes. What we smoke should be our choice. If placing a ban on this is due to the opinion that menthol does more harm, then please let us take a look at alcoholic beverages. They cause infant birth defects, cirrhosis of the liver, alcoholism and dysfunctional households. Yet they are available everywhere and for everyone's consumption. Is this any worse than smoking, I think not. Then there are the pharmaceutical companies; so many of the medications made have dire adverse effects, yet they remain on the market. I know this because I am a nurse and have studied these medications.

Let what we smoke or consume be our choice. The Surgeon General gives the same message on cigarettes whether menthol or non-menthol. He has informed us and it is our choice. Let it remain so.

Carmen Santiago
consumer

Somers, Karen M

From: Jessica Williams (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 7:13 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Newport menthol

Regardless of the Health issues I prefer Newport menthol. I find that smoking any cigarettes are dangerous to your health and should be a personal choice!! Keep Newport menthol!!!

Sent from my iPhone

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 7:13 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: DO NOT BAN MENTHOL CIGARETTES

OK. I am a smoker.. I smoke Newport cigarettes AND Camel menthols...

I am a 51-year-old WHITE FEMALE, who actually is a professional in the medical community...

I am not a kid, I am not black, and I am not lower class, living in a ghetto...

I DO NOT THINK CIGS ARE CANDY, NOR DO THEY TASTE LIKE CANDY WITH MENTHOL.

What planet are you all from? Earth??? Ever try a menthol cigarette? Ever take a good hard drag on a Newport??? NO CANDY TASTE AT ALL.

By the time I exhaustedly perused your "studies" and "findings" classifying those who are "likely" to consume menthol cigarettes, I am highly insulted at YOUR prejudice and idiocy...And I was seriously interested in seeing the concerning results of these studies... THERE IS NOTHING but racial profiling, from my professional examination....

If I were black and young and lower class, I'd probably be inclined to sue you... LOL

There is NOTHING conclusive found in your studies... other than those done on poor blacks...

Give me a BREAK.

I quit smoking for 20+ years and then have been thru crisis after crisis after crisis in my life for the last 6 months, including being FALSELY diagnosed with cancer, given a false expiration date of 4 to 6 months to live, culminating in my husband of 23 years trying to KILL ME because he snapped. LOL And those are just 2 issues of hundreds... and, thank God, I could turn back to my menthol cigarettes as a "crutch" to get me thru these horrifying times...

Not drugs,
Not booze,
Not food...

I took up smoking again for a temporary time, and I LOVE menthol cigarettes.

NEWPORTS do not even TASTE like menthol. There is no 'CANDY' taste at all. Camels, menthol is noticeable, and I enjoy the HECK out of them...

I also regularly use Vicks Menthol NOSE INHALER... Because I have chronic congestion and sinus issues.... The menthol is there and I'm not using it for kicks. GIVE ME A BREAK. Gonna take menthol out of menthol????

BAN MENTHOL across the board - NOT HIGH FRUCTOSE CORN SYRUP, NOT ANTIBIOTIC AND STEROID LACED CHICKEN AND BEEF. No, we have to attack MENTHOL??? For real??? You are kidding, right?

PLEASE FOCUS ON REAL WORLD ISSUES, LIKE ENDING WORLD HUNGER..FINDING WORLD PEACE..

Lay off the menthol cigarettes.

GIVE ME A BREAK...

Sincerely,

Laurie Winkelmann

(b) (6)

Somers, Karen M

From: JONAH POWELL (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 7:10 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: About Menthols Cigarettes

Hi FDA or whoever you want to call yourself I just want to say that I think that it mess up what you people are trying to do with Menthol Cigarettes. I mean They have been around since I was young. The have been around all these years and everyone was happy with them. But you guys are not. You people want to control what everyone does. I mean think about it. Why are you people not trying to take away alcohol. At least you don't have to worried about people drinking and driving. than you would smoking and driving. You guys are trying to make people quite smoking by making the price go up to were people can't buy them. But not taking up the price of alcohol? I don't think it's right. You you guys know it's not. But you guys are going to try to do it anyways. I mean it's bad enough that now at some jobs you have to quite smoking to work their. Look at the law enforcement. Some place if you want to be a cope you can't smoke because the TAX PAYERS pay their money to have cops. But look at the President. We also have to use the TAX Payers money to pay him but he can smoke all he wants. I'm sorry but if we work everyday some of us work 2 jobs and if we want to smoke Menthol we should be able to. One more thing I would like to add is that Science is not always right and I don't believe half the staff you guys try to prove using it.

Thanks

Jonah

Somers, Karen M

From: Taul, Denise [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 7:10 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Leave my menthol cigarettes alone.

I have smoked both menthol and non-menthol cigarettes. I have stopped smoking for 11 years. I'm a current smoker who has constitutional rights to do what I want. Stop regulating things; this is the United States; least we forget what founded the commerce of this country when it was first established.

Somers, Karen M

From: Mark Wahlert [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 7:10 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Save Menthols

Please don't ban menthol cigarettes.

Sincerely,

Mark Wahlert

Somers, Karen M

From: Laura Corrigan [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 7:08 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: do not ban menthol cigarettes

Somers, Karen M

From: Robert Turner (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 7:06 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Ban on Menthol cigarettes

While I am aware of the nature of addiction and the deadly nature of smoking. As of right now it is legal. You cannot legislate against stupidity. I am a smoker and I prefer menthol. It is my right to smoke them in a free country. All you will do is create a lucrative black market for illegal crime families to make millions of dollars and make it impossible for the ATF to enforce laws concerning alcohol and firearms. This will create a massive black market that will never be brought down. Maybe that is what you want, more job security for the ATF. I think it is a lot of government money wasted on fighting a victimless crime. The smokers will die off and that will be that. They are already taxed so hard I can't believe I still smoke. You would be better off taxing us out of smoking. You could make more money and more of us would quit by choice instead of acting like a parent taking away a toy that we are not old enough to play with yet.

Robert T

PS ^{In}accord You government PIG oink! oink!

In accordance with 21 CFR 20.10, the above word has been deleted.

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 7:05 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: no ban

I am a menthol cigarette smoker and I feel that there should not be a ban on menthol cigarettes. A pack lasts me a week. I am a stay at home mom and at the end of the day when the kids are asleep, smoking a menthol cigarette is my way to unwind. People choose to smoke and or drink alcohol. They're both bad for the human body. Until alcohol is regulated and or banned, cigarettes should be left alone.

Somers, Karen M

From: Georgia Irons [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 7:04 PM
To: TPSAC

I have smoked menthol cigarettes since I was 17 yrs old, I am now 53, the DR. has said there is difference between menthol or non-menthol cigarettes!!!! Why such a mandate is ludicrous!!!!!!!! Just leave us smokers alone, your already telling us where and when we can smoke, now your trying to tell us WHAT to smoke! I'm an adult, I know what it does and still, I make the conscious decision to smoke, PLEASE, leave us alone!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Somers, Karen M

From: Jody Howard [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 7:02 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: smokin

u dont have the right to choose what we smoke as smokers.

Somers, Karen M

From: Veleta Bryce [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 7:00 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: DON" T BANNED THE MENTHOL CIGARETTES

I have been smoking those cigarettes for a very long time and while I know the risk of smoking I know no other brand or flavor to smoke nut menthol. JUST DON" T DO IT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! You have to a adult to smoke so allow people to make choices as to what they want to do.

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Veleta Bryce
HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:59 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: HEY!

To Whom This May Concern,

It's not right to ban only menthol cigarettes. There are so many more non-menthol types and brands. I see maybe you want to start small and eventually ban them all but it's going to cause so many issues. People should be able to smoke cigarettes if they want, menthol or not. I hate this idea, I love my newports.

In this whole banning menthol cigarette thing.
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In accordance with 21 CFR 20.10, the above word has been deleted.

Somers, Karen M

From: Joshua Newman (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:58 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthols

I Think you should ban them newports are the only cigarette i love if you ban them I will be able to quit and save a ton a money without switching my car insurance. Ha But for-real America needs to get over ciggs as a crutch.

Somers, Karen M

From: barbara iglesias (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:57 PM
To: TPSAC

DONT GET RID OF NEWPORTS..THANKS

Somers, Karen M

From: James R. Botts (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:55 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Enough

Please stop trying to regulate America. We have enough regulation in this country that we don't need Washington taking our rights away. I like menthol cigarettes not because they are healthy but because I like to smoke. Just because something is bad for you doesn't mean it should be illegal.

Feel free to contact me

(b) (6)

Sent from my iPhone

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:55 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: banning menthol cigarettes

I think that this is one of the most ridiculous things I have ever heard! Studies show that these are not any worse than non menthol, and I believe that smokers have rights too! A lot of our rights have already been taken away, and now this? Why don't you pick on the drunks in the world? They are the ones killing other people. Smokers are only hurting themselves and making the cigarette companies rich....so LEAVE US ALONE!!!! Mind your own business!

(b) (6)

Somers, Karen M

From: Trevor Chavous [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:55 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarette smoker Trevor Chavous

Hello I recently received an email from Newport pleasures web site telling me that the FDA is attempting to categorize mentholated cigarettes separate from regular non menthol cigarettes as far as the dangers of smoking them is concerned. I do not mind how they are categorized as long as this doesn't cause the price of menthol cigarettes to go up or ban them from the market. I enjoy smoking Newport cigarettes which happen to be menthol and I realize the dangers of smoking. I was told that there is no safe cigarette whether it be a light or a non filter they all cause health issues, so I don't agree with treating the menthols differently. I know that the research shows that Newports in particular have fiberglass and things of that nature in them which cause more throat problems quicker than other cigarettes. I don't mind the scientists discovering that information and releasing that to the public because I will decide if I want to smoke that brand or not. I don't believe the FDA has the right to tell me what kind of cigarettes I can smoke. Plus I enjoy Newports, they have been my favorite cigarettes for a number of years now, and I am 24. I know one thing I hope the price of Newports goes down because I don't know if I can afford to pay \$6.50 a pack any longer. That is my opinion, I think the FDA should go regulate how many prescription drugs are being given to people at the drop of a dime. Doctors are diagnosing people with these silly diseases like Bipolar and depression, when all they are is hung over or they have a drinking or drug problem. Too many people are on prescriptions and kids included, as soon as a kid has a lot of energy he automatically has ADD then they give them ADDERAL!!! which is nothing but Amphetamine! that is so wrong, that their starting these kids off early getting them addicted to pills. And Pain medication does not cure any injuries if anything it makes it worse they need to make sure they let people know how addictive the medication is before they give it out then they keep giving it to people when the patient says he still hurts and they up the milligrams. After about 2 refills that person is physically addicted and they don't know it. Until they find themselves doing some bad things to get more pills. Its an epidemic and needs to be addressed.

Thank you [REDACTED] (b) (6)
write me or send me anything

[REDACTED] (b) (6)

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Trevor DB Chavous

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:54 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol cigarettes

I support the sale of menthol cigarettes and I don't think they should be treated any differently than other cigarettes

We are suppose to live in a free country where people can live their lives and run their businesses and do what they see fit for their own heath. This is America I believe a lot of people have lost the idea of this being a free country for its legal citizens... if your not legal then that's another story I guess it is free to them :(anyway that's another subject. Please support our right to choose what type of cigarettes we want to smoke or maybe by banning some you are taking the responsibility for the health of people who smoke non-menthol cigarettes by deeming them as safer.

Lori Geller

Somers, Karen M

From: Marc White (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:54 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: attn: menthol

menthol cigarettes have the same health risks as non menthol, its like heroin and methadone! please let me keep my newports, they all i got! thank you

Marc White

Somers, Karen M

From: Brown, Diana (USACO) [Diana.Brown@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:53 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Newport (or menthol) cigarettes

Good afternoon,

As a menthol cigarette smoker, I am writing in response to the year long examination of menthol cigarettes being conducted by the FDA committee. I do NOT support any recommendation to restrict or ban menthol cigarettes. The overwhelming body of scientific evidence all show no difference in risks between menthol and non-menthol cigarettes. I believe the FDA should adhere to its mandate to follow the science, and therefore, treat menthol cigarettes no differently than non-menthol cigarettes. I believe some recommendations to ban menthol cigarettes may be based on preconceived views not grounded in sound science.

To ban menthol cigarettes when the scientific evidence shows that menthol cigarettes have the same health effect as non-menthol cigarettes would not be fair.

Diana Brown

Somers, Karen M

From: Kevin Oakes [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:52 PM
To: TPSAC
Cc: kevro510@yahoo.com
Subject: Ban of menthol cigarettes

I am writing in regard to your ban on menthol cigarettes, I smoke menthol cigarettes and I feel that this is close to discrimination against people that smoke menthol. I for one will file a law suit if this ban is passed as I am sure others will do the same. If your going to ban one then you need to ban all cigarettes. Do not just select a certain class of cigarettes and people.

KEVIN OAKES

Somers, Karen M

From: Nikki [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:51 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Newport

Do not get rid of menthol newports!! Newport will lose my and many other of my friends business!

Sent from my iPhone

Somers, Karen M

From: Skudron [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:12 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Why not all?

I feel strongly that all smokes should be discontinued. I have been struggling to quit and it would help if there werent any. however It is the individuals choice. My vote is with the FDA

Sent from my MetroPCS Wireless Phone

Somers, Karen M

From: Paula Moore [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:51 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol cigarettes

To Whom It May Concern:

We, as smokers, feel that the boundary has been crossed with the proposal that is currently being discussed. We should have a choice to smoke or not and what type of cigarette we choose. According to the constitution, we as a people have a right to make our own decisions about certain things. We should be able to eat the foods we grow without any worries about being penalized by a government agency and that we should be able to smoke menthol cigarettes if that is our choice. Clove cigarettes have already been banned now you guys are going after the menthol. Have you not realized the impact this will have on our economy? What about the people who work in the plants where these particular cigarettes are made? I realize that you, the people who determine these things, think you are doing us a favor by removing the menthol cigarettes from the market but I have to disagree. You are taking our right to choose away from us. You are having a negative impact on our economic system.

Just thought you should know how some of us feel about this.

Somers, Karen M

From: Shannon Regan [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:50 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Newport Menthol

Dear Sir or Madam,

Newport sent me an email explaining that you will be reporting to the FDA that menthol cigarettes are bad. Now, we all know that smoking is harmful, and can lead to death. Yes smokers are aware of that. Im personally aware of that. However, this is my choice, my body. I disagree that you are going to submit this report. It seems to be quite redundant, so why even challenge this? Let the consumers, including myself to choose menthol.

Shannon Regan

Sent from my iPhone

Somers, Karen M

From: Barbara Monfre [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:50 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigaretts

To Whom It May Concern:

I sincerely hope that if you ban menthol in cigarettes that you also ban it in everything else that contains menthol.

Respectfully,

Barbara Monfre

Somers, Karen M

From: Wesley Robinson [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:46 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Don't ban menthol cigarettes

Yes there where studies showing that menthol and non menthol didn't have any difference towards someones health but that's not the only reason. People who decided to smoke know the risk and realize it's there responsibility. Even if menthol ciggerettes where down right death on contact, it has to do with peoples decision to use them or not. For example with alcohol; you can easily die or cautiously affect your health from drinking alcohol but you don't see anyone banning it. That's what the laws are put in place for and we don't need another to make a quote on quote "double life sentence". Keep menthol on the market and worry about more important things. Your are the FDA, must be something more important; focus on that for another 30-40 years and leave menthol cigarettes out of it. You can ban them when they start coming to life, escaping from cigarette packaging, and literally killing people with their own cigarette filtered butts.

Somers, Karen M

From: JEFFREY SANDLER [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:46 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

I do not believe there is any evidence to prove that Menthol is any worse then non menthol cigarettes. What's next Olive Loaf? Why do we need protection from our selves. We are adults that choose to smoke even with all the evidence that proves how harmful it is. I hear sleeping with 3 pillows is dangerous, please look into that harmful act as well. Thank you

Somers, Karen M

From: joseph cora sr. (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:46 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Having the right to buy Newport Cigarettes

Even if I did not smoke, I think that every person has the right to buy a pack of any brand of cigarettes that they want. Putting guidelines only on certain types of cigarettes is bias any unlawful. We the people of the United States!

Somers, Karen M

From: Pamela Evans (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:45 PM
To: TPSAC

Leave my cig alone.

p. denise

Somers, Karen M

From: Krystal N. Garcia (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:45 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Newport Cigaretts

I am writing to let you know that I am a smoker by choice. And I do smoke Newport menthol cigaretts. I do not think that it is fair that we in the State of (b) (6) already pay the highest cigarette tax and now you are wanting to punish menthol cigarette smokers. We have made a choice to smoke and if we want to stop we know our options. I think we need to have our choice and not be punished for what we choose to do to our own bodies.

Thank you,

Krystal Garcia

Somers, Karen M

From: Susan [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:44 PM
To: TPSAC

Menthol cigarettes are no worse for you than any other cigarette...We should be free to choose our own things...surely there is variety in the liquor industry ?

Sincerely,

Susan M. Brown

Somers, Karen M

From: Sharon Richardson [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:40 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Save Menthol Cigarettes

My name is Sharon Richardson and I have been a smoker for 8 years now. I only smoke Newport cigarettes and not full flavor because they are too strong. The decision to band menthol will decrease sells and also lead to other companies receiving purchases from those who will only smoke menthol cigarettes. I am voicing my opinion because if the cigarettes are changed I will no longer purchase Newport brand smokes but whatever brand that still has menthol cigarettes. If this is going to effect all companies I have no alternative but to quit smoking all together. It's a stupid idea and reason behind the change and it's not fair to me as a consumer to have someone tell me what brand of smokes I can or can't purchase due to menthol. Not that my opinion matters or anyone cares what I think I just feel that it's a dumb idea and needs to be reconsidered.

Sharon Richardson

[REDACTED] (b) (6)

Somers, Karen M

From: John Cooper (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:35 PM
To: TPSAC

newport menthol my only brand

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:34 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: please

Importance: High

My name is Robert Taylor and I have been smoking Newport cigarettes for ten years. Please BAN these cigarettes, that's the only way I can quit. They are extremely addictive. Help save our lives.

Somers, Karen M

From: stan salkowski (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:34 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: RE: Help Us Save Newport Menthol Cigarettes!

please do not take away our menthol cigarettes its all we have 2 release our stress that u r causing us so STOP now !!!!

Date: Wed, 2 Mar 2011 15:40:37 -0700
To: (b) (6)
From: Newport@newportpleasures.com
Subject: Help Us Save Newport Menthol Cigarettes!

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Somers, Karen M

From: Dianne Ridley [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:34 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

DO NOT ban mentol cigarettes. You only want to ban them because they are more poplar and by eliminating them possibly elminate or at least cut down on smokers...it's a personal choice to buy a product in a free market, thus you are encroaching upon the industries making a living in limiting thier inventory and product line.

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The King's Kid

Somers, Karen M

From: Brenda Funk [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:33 PM
To: TPSAC

Hi I am a smoker of menthol cigs there is no big change going non menthol to menthol which I did 10 years ago. getting rid of menthol cigs is not going to change anything health wise if you look at long term affects.

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:32 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: about menthol cigs

me and my husband both smoke newports and this is the brand of cigs that we have smoked since we started, menthol is the only kind of cigs i can smoke do to full flavored regular brands make me sick and hurt my throat, not only have smokers been taxed like crazy but now your trying to tell us what we can smoke this is unfair and should not be tolarted.

Somers, Karen M

From: Talia Tillman (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:29 PM
To: TPSAC

Those who smoke, know the risks associated. Since Science has found no difference between the effects of smoking menthol and non menthol cigarettes. I would like to continue enjoying my favorite brand of menthol cigarettes. I don't believe that this should be taken away.

Somers, Karen M

From: Yvonne Hooker (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:29 PM
To: TPSAC

I feel that menthol should remain in cigarettes

Sent from my Palm Pixi on the Now Network from Sprint

Somers, Karen M

From: Stephen R. Leach (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:24 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

FDA,

We the people know that you folks are trying to control every aspect of our lives, especially with the guy in the White House who's lefty politically correct agenda is ^{In} bent on removing our Liberty; I am _{acc} writing to ask that you people leave Menthol cigarettes alone.

I smoke regular cigarettes 85% of the time, but I enjoy a menthol every now & again and want that option available to me.

There are millions of others who enjoy menthol only cigarettes; so if you take away this legal option, all you'll do is create a huge black market for this type.

You could put DEATH sticks on a pack of cigarettes and we'll still buy them. I know the FDA is planning on doing what they are currently doing in Canada, putting gross pictures and suggestive comments about the harm of cigarettes on the packaging; but do you still think that is going to stop people from smoking? No.

Smokers pay obscene amounts of taxes to both State and Federal gov'ts; you should be grateful we spend our money on a product that you still make money on, but if you continue to mettle in our liberties, the backlash will be great and the tax revenue will dry up.

Leave smokers alone. I know it's hard to continue to justify your continued existence as a federal organization; but stop with the make work projects and interfering in my Constitutional Right to the pursuit of happiness. If smoking a regular or menthol cigarette makes me happy, who are you people to take my rights away?

Stephen R. Leach

(b) (6)

Somers, Karen M

From: Angela Cowgill (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:22 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Dont ban menthol

Sent from my iPhone

Somers, Karen M

From: Santonya (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:20 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol cigarettes

I hope thy do not ban menthol cigarettes. All cigarettes are the same

Sent from my iPhone

Somers, Karen M

From: Cetus Moses [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:19 PM
To: TPSAC

Let us smoke what we like and how will they make any money banding menthol squares..

Sent via Cricket Mobile Email

Somers, Karen M

From: Kathy Leipzig [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:19 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Dont ban Menthol Cigs!!!!

Somers, Karen M

From: Teresa Lowis [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:17 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol cigarettes

ban alcohol instead of cigarettes. my father drank and smoked for years. the menthol cigarettes never hurt me but the alcohol did. the doctor told my dad four years ago that if he didnt quit drinking he would kill himself. my father is still alive. he quit drinking and he still smokes menthol cigarettes. my husband and i both smoke menthol cigarettes and dont feel that it is fair that we may not have that choice soon. there are many things that hurt and kill people, i think menthol cigarettes are the least of any ones worries. please consider this email during this time of decisions.

Teresa Biemeret
[REDACTED] (b) (6)

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:15 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol cigarettes

Do not ban menthol cigarettes, I think it would be unconstitutional for this to happen. Its like singling certain people out and telling them they can't have what they like or want but everyone else can. Its not fair to a lot of people.

Sent via DROID on Verizon Wireless

Somers, Karen M

From: Liberty Moon Beam (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:14 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: RE: Menthol Cigs

Sorry for double email.

My husband smokes non menthol and he is the one that is suffering. I am a bit younger but have been smoking longer than he has. He is regular and I am menthol.

Renee'

Somers, Karen M

From: yash patel (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:12 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Don't banned Menthol Cigarette

Please don't banned menthol cigarette.Because it will going to increase the crime.If black people's wont get their menthol cigarette they will get crazy.I know because i work at gas station

Somers, Karen M

From: Liberty Moon Beam (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:12 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: RE: Menthol Cigs

Same as non menthol cigs. This is just another way for you all to control. Methadone clinics should be banned. People die on methadone and that is legal. Menthol cigs have been proven to be the same sas non menthol.

Renee' Cassidy

Somers, Karen M

From: Barbara Wayland [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:10 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Don't Ban menthol cigarettes

Please don't ban menthol cigarettes. There is no scientific evidence that they are any different than regular cigarettes. This is america we have freedom of choices. Adults should be able to have that choice if that is what they want.

Thank You for your consideration of my point of view.

Sincerely
Barbara Wayland

Somers, Karen M

From: Frederick Y Martello [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:08 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

I have smoked menthol cigarettes for 29 years now, with no access reactions. I am an adult, I choose to smoke. it is my life, we PAY for it. Leave us alone.
Sent from my iPad

Somers, Karen M

From: Paula Thompson [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:07 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Paula. I am 21 years old. I have been smoking since I was 18 (legal age in Michigan). I only smoke Newport Menthol Cigarettes, sometimes Marlboro Cigarettes. But my point is, it's only menthol. I get sick if I smoke non-menthol. I thought this was America that we live in? Obviously I've been mistaken. Cause Americans have rights. Rights to smoke menthol or not. If I want to die from smoking "menthol" then at least I will die happily. You people have no idea what you are messing with. People are weird and crazy out there and will be stupid to get a menthol cigarette. It's not just a fattening food item. This is an addictive item you are playing around with. It's not fair, it's not what our rights stand for. I will be utterly mad if I have to quit smoking menthol. I enjoy it. Which is exactly why I have not even tried to quit. I don't want to. Calms me down and if I smoke cigarettes, then I won't be "tempted" to do other drugs. [REDACTED] (b) (6) is considered one of the "fattest" states in the US. Well, you are saying "Hey, lets make people even more fat, have the same amount of problems (even though they quit smoking) because they will become obese after not being able to smoke and having to quit." It's not just an addictive thing, it's also a habit. Putting something to your mouth.

Which is why, when people quick smoking, they eat, drink, chew gum, etc. Anything they can to help the habit of putting something to your mouth. What happens if you eat TOO MUCH? Should I really have to ask this? Doesn't take a rocket scientist. It makes you gain weight. What can you get from gaining weight or too much weight? Hmm, another tough question. You can get Diabetes, High Blood Pressure, Stroke, Heart Attack, High Cholesterol, go into a sugar coma, have bowel movement problems, become infertile, and soooo much more. My grandma has been smoking since she was like 15 years old. She is in her 70's now. She doesn't have cancer. You go through Nicotine Withdraws, Stress, Insomnia, and other things as well. The list is 2 times as long as smoking lists. Please Please PLEASE don't ban menthol cigarettes. I will move from this country immediately and have many of people to follow if menthol is banned. Thank you for your time to read this. It is greatly appreciated.

Have a good day.

Paula :)

Somers, Karen M

From: David Osisek [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:07 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Mental ciggerettes

I feel as american soldier I should have the right to smoke a newport when I feel. Weither it be at home of after a firefight, it should be my choice. I dont see how much worse mental is for you, I smoke both mental and non-mental.. Nothing does it like a newport and you shouldnt be able to take that from me or anyother american period. If it is more hazardous make them add it to the warning label, make a sensible choice not an extreme one.

Thank you,

SGT David C. Osisek

[REDACTED] (b) (6)

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:06 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Newport

Ban them all! Menthol, non menthol, lights and mediums. My corner store sells single newports to underage kids.. BAN ALL!!!!
Sent from my LG phone

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:06 PM
To: TPSAC

I think that if you band menthol then you should band regulars and lights. What is the reason or research for banning only menthol??
Sent from myTouch 4G

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:06 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Dnt ban method Cigs!

I dnt think dat method Cigs should b banned. As a consumer, I feel the choice to smoke or what I smoke IS MINE!! THNX

Sent from my HTC on the Now Network from Sprint!

Somers, Karen M

From: Michelle Cash (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:04 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: newport menthol cigarettes

I as a cigarette smoker feel that you don't have the right to dictate to me which cigarettes I can smoke. Please leave menthol cigarettes alone. This is not fair to us as citizens of the United States of America

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:03 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol cigs.

Menthol cigs are no worse for you than regular cigarettes.If you wish to be forward thinking ban ALL cigarettes,not just menthol!

Regards,
Bruce B. Hayes

Somers, Karen M

From: Geo Skeans (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:05 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Newport Ciggs

Please don't take menthol ciggs away. That's all my husband smokes

Georgia Skeans

Somers, Karen M

From: Marlena Mansour (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 5:58 PM
To: TPSAC

To whom it may concern,
I am a menthol cigarette smoker.
I have been smoking cigarettes for 30 years.
Menthols for the last 12 years.
I have read the research. It doesn't really matter does it? menthol or non menthol?
All cigarettes are equally unhealthy for people.
But I am an adult and every time I light a cigarette I do so because I want to and

for no other reason!
I like to smoke menthol cigarettes.
They just taste better to me.
More importantly I like having a choice!
Please do not take my freedom of choice away from me.
Thank you!
Marlena

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 5:57 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol cigarettes

STOP PERSECUTING SMOKERS OF LEGAL AGE.
GO AFTER THE FINE CITIZENS WHO KILL PEOPLE AFTER GETTING DRUNK FROM LEGAL ALCOHOL!!!!
Robin Houck

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 5:12 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: cigaretts

I DONT NEED THE FDA TELLING ME WHAT TYPE OFF CIGARETT TO SMOKE ,MAKE
SMOKING ILLEGAL AND TABACCO
WILL NO LONGER HARM ANYONE THAT DOES NOT TAKE A SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY
COMMITTEE.YOU ARE WASTING TAXPAYERS MONEY BY PRETENDING TO LOOK OUT FOR
THERE BEST INTEREST, WHEN IN FACT YOUR LOOKING OUT FOR YOUR OWN BEST
INTEREST, I WILL MAKE IT MY MISSION TO MAKE CONGRESS AWARE OF WASTED TIME
AND MONEY ON THIS MATTER, CUTTING YOUR BUDGET , SAVING A TAXPAYER MONEY IS
YOUR RESPONSEBILITY

Somers, Karen M

From: Dave Cohee [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 5:11 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarette Ban

We do not smoke, but the government should not be in the business of telling us what we can and cannot do when it comes to personal habits. This country is becoming more of a dictatorship than a republic.

Somers, Karen M

From: Bill Stanley [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 1:53 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol cigarettes

The government should let individuals decide for themselves if they want to use any legal product.

Stop the authoritarian insanity ... big-brother is everywhere. It is none of your business if people want to harm their health. If you argue that their poor health costs taxpayers, stop paying for their health care.

Somers, Karen M

From: Mike P. [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 1:45 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Banning Menthol Cigarettes: NOT KOOL!!!

Michael A. Petrie
[REDACTED] (b) (6)

TPSAC (a Scientific Advisory Committee, so I hear)
Food and Drug Administration
Rockville, MD

Dear Sirs and Madams:

The very fact that your are considering banning menthol cigarettes is obviously a sign that you all need psychiatric help. See, in a free society, people get to choose what products to buy, be they menthol cigarettes or the regular, foul-tasting kind. People who deplore such a state of affairs may indeed have underlying personal issues.

Furthermore, you seem to be engaging in this exercise on behalf of various special interests (i.e., corporate scum and K Street lobbyists, in whose interest it is to ban the cigarettes.

All of you should recuse yourselves from this exercise in overbearing regulation, and then go see that psychiatrist. I'm sure the right meds will help you to envision this country as it is supposed to be.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Michae A. Petrie

Somers, Karen M

From: Mark Preston (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 1:39 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: On the ban on menthol flavored cigs

The US should not regulate tobacco, by coming in the back door. By 'back door' I mean anomylous rule making which in spirit wants to bar all tobacco, but at-law, cannot bar tobacco.

So, please don't make an already burdened governement and people, a bigger burden, yet.

Mark Preston
non-smoker

Somers, Karen M

From: Jean Huff (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 1:21 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: freedom of choice

I should have freedom of choice do eat, smoke,speak etc. when or what I want I don't need the government to tell me what I can do with my own body. We need less not more government nosing into our lives.

Somers, Karen M

From: Garvin M. Durrant (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 1:14 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol cigarettes

What in the ever loving ⁱⁿ do you people think you are doing??? You DO NOT have the authority to ban a specific flavor of tobacco. You can write all the regulations you want and some stupid people will follow in lock step, but understand you DO NOT have the authority to do what you are doing. Your audacity is beyond belief.

Sincerely

In accordance with 21 CFR 20.10, the above word has been deleted.

Garvin M. Durrant

mail by outdrs.net

Somers, Karen M

From: Kalena Altizer (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 1:07 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Please keep menthol cigarettes legal!!!!!!!!!!!!

I strongly believe that people should be able to make there own choice when it comes to what kind of cigarets they want to smoke! As long as there r pf legal age. Anything you do caries its own health risks, everyone know the health risks when they smoke and if they chose to still do so even thou know what can happen when u smoke u should let them do! And honestly I can not smoke non-menthol cigs.,I start to get hot and throw up! All I can smoke is menthols so please don't take away one of the few things I have left to actually enjoy in life. I like to smoke socially n by myself it is very relaxing to me. know I should not have been but I have been smoking since I was 16 I am 23 years old now and I am in perfect health, not to mention smoking a cis helps my calm down and relax when I am having a panic attack. so in some ways it helps, me at least and I think u people should look at those factors also and not just dwell on the bad things cause that's all it seems that u think of off? Just reason why cigs. are bad or health risks, just please alson look at the benefits to please.

Thank You For Your Time,
Sincerely,
Kalena

(b) (6)

Somers, Karen M

From: Kim Tankersley [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 12:34 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol cigarettes

So you know, I do not smoke menthol cigarettes and would be delighted if cigarettes had never been invented. With that said, it is a personal choice. Unlike the 'legal' murder of the unborn child in the mother's womb a smoker is only hurting him or her self.

Furthermore, for a government advisor to make decisions about issues that effect people who have paid you is abject and blatant corruption.

Clean up your act! A renewed God fearing populace is growing and coming to rule and we will be watching you all closely. Like our parents should have been.

Somers, Karen M

From: Chuck Kuecker [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 12:17 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol cigarettes

Hello,

I am not a cigarette smoker, just an American concerned with the overweening nanny state attitude of too many of our government agencies.

I understand there's a motion afoot to ban menthol cigarettes because some people like the taste.

First off, when is it any business of the federal government what citizens smoke, drink, or inject? Yes, I know there are federal laws against certain plants and substances, but as anyone with eyes, ears, and a brain can understand, these laws have been a huge waste of tax money while creating instant criminals out of millions of Americans.

Enough is enough. Everyone with sense knows tobacco has risks. It is not the job of the federal government to police the citizen's healthy or unhealthy choices.

No more rules like this. All this will do is create yet another black market, this time in menthol cigarettes.

[REDACTED] (b) (6)

Somers, Karen M

From: Tom Farrell (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 11:08 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Please don't ban menthol cigarettes

Dear Federal Government,

Please don't ban menthol cigarettes. I dont smoke but believe americans should be given a choice to smoke or not smoke and be able to choose the types of cigaretts they want.

Thanks,

Tom Farrell
(b) (6)]

Somers, Karen M

From: Eric Park (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 11:06 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol cigarettes

I know all the risks of smoking menthol and non menthol cigarettes. I don't think one kind should get banned. I feel it should be both or none. That is my opinion.

Eric Park

Somers, Karen M

From: Mollie (b) (6)]
Sent: Tuesday, March 01, 2011 6:31 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: DO NOT BAN Menthol Cigarettes

I am a 30 year old menthol cigarette smoker, **Caucasian**, I was born & raised in America. I am privileged to be a free American with the rights & choices I have. I love smoking & I don't plan to quit anytime soon- THAT is just one freedom of choice that is slowly being taken away from me by the FDA & our terrible government. I am *very aware* of the health risks & problems that come with smoking & that still is MY CHOICE to smoke. There are so many foods, medicines, lotions, shampoos, deodorants, household cleaners, sunscreens, -you name it- with bad, cancer causing, harmful ingredients that the general public are not warned about or protected from in every store in the U.S. Where are the warning labels on those products anyway?? WHY is the FDA coming down on Menthol cigarettes?? Its not a racial thing either- I

don't buy that [redacted] In one bit. There are plenty of products marketed to different races, so big deal who cares? Its been proven that white people smoke more menthol's then black people. I just don't understand what you think banning menthol cigarettes & taking away smoker's freedom of choice & flavor will do for anyone. You will just have a lot of [redacted] In off people, like me, who will find other means of getting menthol cigarettes. Making a whole new black market of crime that you should be prepared to take responsibility for. Why all this focus on cigarettes when alcohol KILLS people EVERYDAY? Cigarettes should be the last concern of American people, government, & the FDA. Leave the smokers ALONE & let us make our own choices!! DON'T BAN MENTHOL'S!!

In accordance with 21 CFR 20.10, the above words have been deleted.

Sincerely,
Mollie Condley -Menthol Smoker & LOVING IT.

Somers, Karen M

From: Bonnie [redacted] (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, March 01, 2011 5:45 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Banning menthol cigarettes...

My opinion is both regular or menthol are equally harmful to anyone's health. Banning of menthol is not going to do much good, since then they will just be black marketed.

The kids are not smoking much these days due to the PRICE anyway. Why don't you concentrate more on getting them off the pills and hard drugs.

Thank you.

Somers, Karen M

From: R F [redacted] (b) (6)]
Sent: Tuesday, March 01, 2011 2:43 PM
To: TPSAC

why ban menthol cigarettes.all cigarettes are the same.people have the right to smoke what flavor cigarettes they choose.leave the menthol cigarettes alone and let smokers be happy

Y R U SO N V S?

Somers, Karen M

From: Jerry LCpl Mike A [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, March 01, 2011 10:20 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: my choice

I recently was brought to attention of a possible ban on menthol cigarettes .I guess the best way to put this is why???? I am a twenty two year old active duty marine ,so basically my life is decided day by day by government organizations . I have been smoking since I have enlisted three and a half years ago ,and am better physical shape than most. This includes a 18 minute three mile run time. I imagine most of the people responsible for this are hardly in even in my league . so its insults me to hear someone with a desk job has any bearing on my since of relief of day to day activities. I think the people involved with this ban need to be more understanding to other situations other than minors smoking. There are more of us out here and for a lot in my situation this is our chance in the day to breathe and relax. To put simply I'm fighting for rights that are being taken away and feel this is not right

Sincerely ,
Michael jerry
Corporal usmc

Somers, Karen M

From: Kathryn Richards [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Tuesday, March 01, 2011 10:04 AM
To: TPSAC

Feb 25 2011~ HI! Please do not ban the menthol, because I find that it helps to clear my sinus/head, when the non-menthol does not.If you do ban the menthol, it would be like taking grape candy from a child!! thank you K.R. of [REDACTED] (b) (6).

Somers, Karen M

From: Lori DeLorenzo [(b) (6)t]
Sent: Tuesday, March 01, 2011 9:24 AM
To: TPSAC
Cc: (b) (6)t
Subject: Don't ban menthol, please

My name is Lori DeLorenzo. I am (b) (6) years old. I am not a child and do not like being treated like one by the FDA, nor do I appreciate politicians pushing their OPINIONS upon my right to choice. I choose to smoke cigarettes. I choose to smoke menthol cigarettes. There are no sufficient findings that deem menthol cigarettes to be any less safe than non menthol. As a smoker, and an adult, I advocate my and others right to choose what legal tobacco to smoke. First, the govt taxes the (b) (6) in accor out of smokers, now you want to tell us what to smoke. Nice- Don't you think you should be dealing with many more productive ventures? Leave the smokers alone. You should be worried about all the illegal drugs in the U.S. By the way, smokers pay an enormous amount of taxes that our govt needs to finance welfare and wars. Why doesn't the FDA go after consumers of alcohol? It has just as many health risks as smoking. Actually more risks. What about alcohol related car accidents? I can't say I'm aware of a tobacco imparement. I'm sure I can guess why... Most politicians drink alcohol. Reasonable assumption that they wouldn't tax themselves and their own habits. Again, please stop attacking the smokers. We aren't hurting anyone!!!

In accordance with 21 CFR 20.10, the above word has been deleted.

Somers, Karen M

From: Mary Shortall [mary.shortall.qhel@statefarm.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 01, 2011 9:03 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Ban on Menthol Cigarettes

I know that smoking is bad for you period. I am already feeling discriminated against because I am a smoker. It is ridiculous that you want to ban menthol cigarettes. Cigarettes are bad period. Smoking has already been banned where ever I go and now if I smoke I can't get a job which is total discrimination. Cigarettes are legal. How would the government replace the money from taxes that they collect if we all quit? I think that if you have a problem with cigarettes you should just totally ban cigarettes instead of a select group of smokers.

Mary Shortall, (QHEL)
Insurance Account Rep.

State Farm Insurance, Christian Baird, Agent
5878 Easton Rd, PO Box 807
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Fax 215-766-3961

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Check out this "high quality" site...it's pretty fun, but also informative!!! www.theretown.com

 Please consider the environment before printing this e-mail

Somers, Karen M

From: Ree (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, March 01, 2011 1:02 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Ban on Menthol Cigarettes

Please don't ban menthol cigarettes!

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 8:46 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Why Ban

Well to whom this may concern i fell if you'll want to ban tobacco products then you sure also ban beer liquire and any other kind of acachol. thank you very much

Somers, Karen M

From: MR Bradley (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 6:43 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarette Ban

To whom it may concern,

Being a (b) (6) year old woman, I feel I have the right to choose to purchase & smoke menthol cigarettes. I realize the potential health risks I face, yet I make the sound minded choice to continue to smoke menthol cigarettes. I see them as no more harmful than any other tobacco products & feel I deserve the choice to continue smoking them.

Sincerely,

Mandela Bradley

(b) (6)

Somers, Karen M

From: Eric Balke (b) (6)]
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 6:27 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Don't ban menthol

There is nothing about menthol cigarettes that makes them any more dangerous than regular cigarettes. If you ban them, people will just find liquid menthol and dip there cigarettes in it; now tell me, is that healthy? People who smoke nowadays are fully aware of the dangers of smoking; and we don't care, we just want to exercise our right to choose which products to use. We don't need big brother always stepping in and telling us what is right. Please do what is right, and find tha menthol cigarettes are no more harmful than regular ones. Thanks, Eric Balke Lumberton, (b) (6) p.s. It's also racist to ban menthol because the majority of black people choose t (b) (6) smoke them.

Sent from my iPhone

Somers, Karen M

From: Mavis Kiggins (b) (6)]
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 1:40 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol cigarettes

I enjoy my menthol cigarettes and have had no bad health from them. Please respect my right to smoke a legal product of my choice.

Thank You For Reading This
MRS. MAVIS KIGGINS
(b) (6)

Somers, Karen M

From: john sifford [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Sunday, February 27, 2011 11:26 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: do not ban smoking

smoking is a pleasure

Somers, Karen M

From: Janice Laliberte [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Sunday, February 27, 2011 10:17 PM
To: TPSAC

To whom it may concern,
I would like to voice my displeasure of thought of menthol cigarettes being banned. I am against the government deciding for me what taste that I can have when smoking a cigarette. I deserve the right to **choose** if I would like to have flavor taste to the cigarette that **I CHOOSE** to smoke not a government agency. There is no scientific testing that shows that menthol cigarettes is more of a health risk than a regular cigarette with that said please leave my right to **CHOOSE** in place!
Thank you
Mark L Boyd

Somers, Karen M

From: Marilyn Cameron [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Sunday, February 27, 2011 8:10 PM
To: TPSAC

Please stop! I am old and I smoke menthol cigarettes . You are adding unneeded stress to my life. Again, please stop.

Somers, Karen M

From: Carol Carson [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Sunday, February 27, 2011 4:58 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: FDA banning of menthol cigarettes

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to defend my right to smoke what I choose to smoke, and that is my preference for menthol cigarettes. I believe this to be the right of all Americans; to have the right to make a personal choice to use any legal product. It should not be determined by any governmental organization to make that choice for me. To determine that menthol cigarettes should be treated any differently than non-menthol cigarettes is wrong and is politically incorrect.

Too often politics trumps good science. I am convinced that this is nothing more than a political strategy to ban menthol cigarettes, and I am hoping that nothing will come out of this FDA study. The

rights of cigarette smokers are being suppressed enough. When I can't smoke in a restaurant, in a park and now to be told that I won't be able to smoke the cigarette I choose, is totally Unamerican.

Sincerely

Carol Carson

(b) (6)

Somers, Karen M

From: Krystal Pardee (b) (6)
Sent: Sunday, February 27, 2011 3:40 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol ban

I have been smokin newports for 7 years n it should be my choice as an american citizen. I know the health risks n it should be my choice. We also live in a freedom of choice n beable to make our own decisions.

Sent from my Palm Pixi on the Now Network from Sprint

Somers, Karen M

From: Phil Godwin (b) (6)]
Sent: Sunday, February 27, 2011 8:36 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

Please leave menthol cigarettes alone. Don't you have many worse things to worry about that effect children or something? This "big brother" way of governing is going to cause more and more problems eventually. Use your brains since you're so smart, pleaseeeeeeeeeee!
Thanks !

Phil Godwin
(b) (6)

Somers, Karen M

From: DAWN MICHALSKI [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Saturday, February 26, 2011 3:10 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol

I wish you would not ban Menthol Cigarettes it is our right to smoke whatever kind of cigarettes we want there is no difference if I smoke a menthol or non the same health factors are all the same to me.

Somers, Karen M

From: [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Saturday, February 26, 2011 11:32 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: banning menthol cigarettes

I don't think it is fair that you are trying to take away something that has been available for years. Why not get rid of alcohol that has torn so many lives apart.
Sharon Tarterot

Somers, Karen M

From: Siobhan Brown [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Saturday, February 26, 2011 12:11 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

By banning menthol cigarettes you will be opening up another spot in the black market for them to be sold. I realize that I am old enough to know what cigarettes truly do to your whole body, but doing this will cause people to go and get them illegally. I don't see the FDA banning chap stick with menthol or cold medicine with menthol & .05% alcoholol or Vicks Vapor Rub or eucalyptus body wash and lotions or York Peppermint Patties or peppermint or halls cough drops. My point is by banning menthol cigarettes you opening up other areas for people to explore and get arrested for no reason. It's bad enough that drugs, organs, bones, animals, young children, and exploited woman are in there why make it worse. What's next is the FDA going to ban soda and strawberries because they are sweet.

Somers, Karen M

From: Amber Nelson [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Friday, February 25, 2011 10:09 PM
To: TPSAC

To whom it may concern, I think that it is your [REDACTED] In decision if you wanna smoke or not. What brand you smoke. I thought this was supposed to be a FREE [REDACTED] In COUNTRY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
accordanc

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Somers, Karen M

From: [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, February 25, 2011 6:55 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: KEEP MENTHOL CIGERETTES

PLEASE DONT BAN MENTHOL CIGERETTS WE SHOULD HAVE THAT CHOICE MANY MANY MANY YEARS AGO NO PROBLEM TODAY 2011 BIG PROBLEM WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE OUR OWN DECISION ON SMOKING CIGERETTES I FEEL THE PEOPLE WHOS DOING THIS IS TRYING TO TAKE OUR FREEDOM TO SMOKE OR NOT. SO PLEASE PLEASE DONT TAKE MY MENTHOLS AWAY. THANK YOU RUBY HILLBURN

Somers, Karen M

From: Dana Meeks [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Friday, February 25, 2011 2:58 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Banning Menthol

Hello, my name is Dana Meeks and i just wanted to state that i disagree with this ban totally because a lot of us smoke menthol cigarettes to keep our stress level down and it helps stay away from drugs. Please do not ban these because it will only lead to more problems, more crimes and believe it or not, more violence. Thanks for your time, Dana Meeks.

Somers, Karen M

From: joey jefferson [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, February 25, 2011 12:14 AM
To: TPSAC

I just gotta say if u do it is going to be a lot of people locked up about this so plz don't band it plz there will be a lot of [REDACTED] In going w/out it
accorda

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Somers, Karen M

From: brittany hitsman [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, February 24, 2011 11:57 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol cigarettes

The science is clear and compelling. The best available scientific evidence demonstrates that menthol cigarettes have the same health effects as nonmenthol cigarettes. Menthol neither causes people to smoke, nor deters them from quitting. A menthol cigarette is just another cigarette — and should be treated no differently. Menthol cigarettes simply give adult smokers a taste choice.

Not only is that true, but also think about the money the government is going to lose if they stop selling menthol, and how many people are going to be in the emergency room because of withdrawal. I don't understand why they would even think about stopping selling menthol cigarettes. A cigarette is a cigarette. So if the ban really does happen, what's going to be next? Can't smoke non-menthol either, like come on. Think about what sells the most in the USA, it's sad to say but cigarettes and alcohol. I do not think that they should ban menthols!!

Somers, Karen M

From: Julie Clauwaert [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, February 24, 2011 7:50 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol

I don't want menthol cigarettes banned. They are no worse for you than a regular cigarette. It's just like banning Whiskey, it's still booze. I also think it's a little racist since black people tend to choose menthol over regular tobacco.

Furthermore, mind your own business. I don't need you to protect me.

Julie Clauwaert

[REDACTED] (b) (6) phone

[REDACTED] (b) (6) fax

[REDACTED] (b) (6)

Somers, Karen M

From: Glenn Pettie [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, February 24, 2011 3:24 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarette Ban [REDACTED] In

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What is this, you want to band menthol cigarettes! This is the absolute stupidest idea I have ever heard of in my life. I , being a sole menthol smoker, know that cigarettes are bad for me, I choose to smoke menthol cigarettes because I prefer the taste of them and no other reason. I don't know what I would do if this ban went into effect. I would most likely buy a menthol plant and somehow turn regular cigarettes into menthol ones anyway. so all it would be is a huge inconvenience to me and, I'm sure, many other menthol smokers. You want to do something good for smokers, make the cigarette company's quit using all these toxic ingredients in cigarettes, I enjoy tobacco not chemicals. thank you for hearing me.
Glenn Pettie

Somers, Karen M

From: luis Nieves [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, February 24, 2011 12:05 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: hello

I think that let the menthol cigarettes alone they good and I been a smoker since very early age never had health issues so i vote DO NOT BAN menthol cigarettes like Newports

Somers, Karen M

From: Tiffany Eicher [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, February 24, 2011 4:20 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Hey newport

hey newport hope i was of assistance <http://bit.ly/enJZty>

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2011 7:47 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: My name is charles weidenburner.

My name is charles weidenburner. I heard u r trying to ban menthol ciggaretttes. Well i smoke newports and i think yall should leave us alone.

Somers, Karen M

From: Robert Bell (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2011 6:45 PM
To: TPSAC
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: do not take mentaol

I have been smoking since I was 15 years old. I am now 44 and I will continue to smoke even if you take the menthol away. All that is going to do is make me smoke other cigarettes. The ones without a filter. Because if I can't smoke menthol cigarettes then I will smoke any brand that does not have a filter. So I can still feel the cigarette. What is this world coming to. When the government can tell you which cigs you can and can't smoke. Last time I looked this is not Russia. Who do you think you are that you can just say that you don't think menthol is good for you. Last time I checked no cigarette's are good for you. So who are you to tell me which one I can smoke and which ones I can't smoke. I think it should be up to the person who is smoking to determine which cigs he or she wants to smoke. NOT THE GOVERNMENT TO DECIDE. Let me make the decision not the government. Next you will be trying to tell we where I can live or what kind of car I can drive. THIS IS NOT RUSSIA. THIS IS THE GREAT U.S.A. WHERE PEOPLE HAVE THE RIGHT TO DECIDE WHAT THEY WANT TO DO. As long as you are not breaking the law. You should be able to make your own choice. Thank You Robert Charles Bell Jr.

Somers, Karen M

From: Dianne Baldassano (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2011 6:43 PM
To: TPSAC

Please do not ban menthol cigarettes. I have the right to smoke the kind of cigarettes I want, THEY ARE LEGAL. Tobacco is actually an important part of (b) (6) history.

Next are they going to ban liquor, but not beer and wine? What's the point? To infringe on my rights?
Rosee B.
(b) (6)

Somers, Karen M

From: Angel-Lee Evans [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2011 6:18 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: FDA Ruling/Attn. Ms. Caryn Cohen, M.S.

Ms. Cohen:

I oppose the restricting or banning of any cigarettes because it is all that some people have, especially homeless individuals. I distribute free packs of Newport regular and 100's box at a local shelter in DC which houses about 1,400 men and women. I do this at my own expense, buying about 60 cartons of box regular and 100's monthly because it is my way of giving back to a community that I was once a part of 7 years ago. If you can send me discount or even free coupons for cartons, it would be most appreciated. Just please don't allow the FDA to make any changes because it is stressful enough just being homeless. I remember the feeling quite well. My heart goes out to all the homeless, from the employable to the mentally ill because they all need help! Someone helped me years ago with a home and a job and I've been blessed ever since.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to express my opinion. My mailing address is as follows:

Angel Evans, Homeless Advocate

(b) (6)
[REDACTED]

Sincerely,

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Angel-Lee A. Evans

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2011 4:10 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Do not ban Menthol Cigarettes

To Whom It May Concern:

The last I knew the United States of America was a free country. As an American smoker, who smokes menthol cigarettes, I feel that you are intruding into my life and need to go after issues that are bigger issues and not attack smokers.

Thank you,

Elizabeth Nowik

Somers, Karen M

From: Natasha Sims (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2011 3:38 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

I enjoy menthol cigarettes. Regular cigarettes is no difference than menthol. If we pay for our tobacco I feel we should have the right to choose what kind we want to smoke. I thank you for taking the time out to read this. Have a very Blessed Year. God Bless, Natasha G. Sims

Somers, Karen M

From: Daneen (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2011 3:07 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: DON'T BAN Menthol Cigarettes

I'm writing to voice my concerns about a possible ban on menthol cigarettes. I smoke menthol and so does my boyfriend. We are both over the age of 21 in fact we will both turn 50 this year. I can't understand why you want to ban menthol, even after reading all this garbage on your web page. I think it's a violation of my civil rights to ban menthol and to tell me where I can smoke. Too much government is in my adult life. I'm not a child, I'm sorry if children are drawn to menthol, not my problem. You see, I don't have children. So stop blaming me and the cigarette company for parents who can't teach their children not to smoke. Stop taking away all my adult rights just because of the children. When I was a kid it was an adults' world. Since becoming an adult all my adult rights have been taken away, because now we want to make it a Childs' world. I'm a responsible smoker. I work every day so that I can buy my cigarettes. Why don't you go and ban fast food, or chocolate, so fat people stop eating. Just about everything in my adult life that I've looked forwarded to as a child has been ripped away because of children. Stop having them. This world is overcrowded by low life welfare ⁱⁿidiots that continue to feed off my tax dollars to feed their addiction of child bearing. Stop taking away ^{in accordance} my rights to enjoy a cigarette. I don't drink, I smoke.

In accordance with 21 CFR 20.10, the above word has been deleted.

Concerned Smok

Somers, Karen M

From: Tammy Martin [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2011 3:05 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol cigarette ban

I am a smoker who feels that we as a nation are becoming like some of the other countries whose people have no right to choose. I am fully aware of what smoking can do to my health, I am an adult and made the decision to smoke anyway. Menthol cigarettes are no better or worse for you than non-menthol, therefore we as citizens of a "FREE" country should have the right to use these legal products if we choose to. I do not feel the government has the right to tell me I can only smoke the non-menthol version of cigarettes, it should be MY CHOICE!!

Thank you for hearing my opinion;

Tammy Martin
[REDACTED] (b) (6)

Somers, Karen M

From: ramona rodriguez [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2011 10:28 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol cigarettes

To whom it may concern,

I don't believe that it should be your choice in what I smoke or if I choose to kill myself soon smoking menthol. This is supposed to be a free country so leave our cigarettes alone.

Thank you

Ramona

Somers, Karen M

From: Brian (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2011 10:14 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Banning menthol

How could you?
Why would you?
Who gives you that right?

For years and years since there were smokers it's been our choice hasn't it ? By banning menthol brands would be as the same as banning smoking as well. It's smokers choice since the beginning of the cigarette creation to smoke menthol or not.

Since when would the FDA be concerned about menthol I'n cigarettes ? You haven't been concerned about all the other harmful chemicals put into cigarettes I'n the past why be now?

If that's the case being it's bad for me to consume menthol products, then I want to be compensated for consuming it for over the past twenty years.

If now the FDA is saying it's a bad additive now! Why wasn't it bad for me over twenty years ago??

One thing I wasn't aware of until just a few years ago was the actual content I'n cigarette products.

How is that possible? Why aren't the ingredients labeled on the packaging?

If I knew what I was consuming over twenty years ago I would have never started to smoke.!

How is it that all consumed products I'n the US are labeled with the consumed contents but cigarettes aren't?

Is it because there's just way to many chemicals to list on the small packaging? There's a reason I'm sure I'd like to know that's for sure.

Thank You for your time
Respectfully
Brian Smith

Sent from: Brians IPod

Somers, Karen M

From: Mike Genovese [mikegicpi@optonline.net]
Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2011 9:42 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Ban

Please do not ban menthol cigarettes, citizens should have the right to eat, drink and smoke what they want since this is a free country.

Michael B. Genovese
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P.O. Box 322
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(732) 583-8713 Facsimile
mikegicpi@optonline.net

Somers, Karen M

From: Susan Flannigan [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2011 7:17 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol

The choice of injecting menthol into my body is just that. My choice. I have been fed up with the way government believes that they have a choice in my consumption. If all of the studies in the past years are half true then we would no longer be drinking coffee nor partaking of any caffeine products, nor would wine be a choice of drink. the abrupt turn around on these studies indicate to me that government studies are just a bunch of hog wash and someone is getting way to much federal funding to sit around and try to come up with another product to ban. It would seem that the ban on menthol in cigarettes would also include an ban on menthol in medications, whether ingested or inhaled. It seems that the only things consumers can get in America now is a hard time choosing their choice of products. If things are left to our "Government" the only things in America that is made in America would be, Beer, Guns, Tattoos, Prostitutes and Football games. Is there really no more Pride in our Country? To be one of the nations that allows us a personal choice, are we so inundated with foreigners in our "Government" that we are pushing other countries beliefs and restrictions on the consumer. Pretty soon the FDA may start imposing themselves on the consumption of sugar or salt or caffeine or any other additive that actually gives pleasure to the consumer. Stay out of the Publics personal choice I say. If I choose to harm my body with cigaretetes then so be it. If anyone wants to harm their body with obesity, or non-prescription drugs then that is and should always be their choice.

Susan K. Flannigan

Somers, Karen M

From: Scott Dallo [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2011 2:44 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

To Whom It May Concern:

I understand that the FDA is conducting studies to see if menthol cigarettes should be banned. I think banning only menthol cigarettes is frivolous. Using time and money to do all of these studies only to ban a certain type of cigarette does not make any sense. Claims say menthol makes them more addictive? No, the nicotine in ALL cigarettes is what makes them addictive. There is no reason to have wasted time studying something where there are other matters far more important. I believe the biggest reason for the push of the banning of menthol cigarettes comes from Philip Morris who control a large portion of the non-menthol cigarette market. If your concern is for the health of the consumers, a method to support that concern would be to ban all cigarettes. It is a consumers right to have the freedom to choose what they like, and the FDA should only inform, but not make decisions for a consumer. If you want to do this study to see if more information should be put on packs of cigarettes informing customers about concerns of menthol, that is acceptable. To make the choice that menthol may be more harmful and then ban it so a consumer has no choice is not acceptable. What's next? Do you want to limit the amount of sodium in food? Get rid of flavored vodka? Let the consumers make choices that concern themselves on their own.

Thank You,
Scott Dallo

Somers, Karen M

From: rayford350 [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2011 10:38 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarette Ban

I do not agree with the possible ban of menthol cigarettes. Menthol gives cigarettes a distinct flavor like no other. I am not addicted to cigarettes, but the oral fixation and menthol flavored cigarettes give the habit much flavor. Thank You for your consideration in this matter. Signed, 10+ year smoker

Somers, Karen M

From: DEBORAH GAMACHE [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2011 9:09 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Banning Menthol?!?!

Banning Menthol cigarettes? Really? I am so tired of everyone else trying to make decisions for me and my family. How in the world did the Generations before us survive, without the government deciding what and where we can smoke, eat, speak, drink, and breastfeed. I read about these countries who dictate to their citizens and continue to wonder what is so different with this country. Somebody Please somebody stop the bus! Smoking menthol cigarettes as opposed to flavorless cigarettes is my choice and as long as I am working 6 days a week and pay taxes out the ass! Lets move on to a much more important issue. How about Welfare, Health Care, Poverty, Illiteracy, or Government Spending! Have a great day Ladies and Gentlemen, spend more time with your Family!

Deborah Gamache
[REDACTED] (b) (6)

Somers, Karen M

From: Tyler Keister [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2011 8:46 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Stop the ban

Stop the ban on menthol, I'm am a 23 year old who started smoking menthol at 19, smoked regular lite cigs at the age on 16, don't be stupid. Responsibility falls on parents not the FDA

Sent from my iPhone

Somers, Karen M

From: DeeDee julious (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2011 8:24 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Dont band Menthol Cigarettes

I fell that each person Knows what they want and it not up to you its up to the People.

Somers, Karen M

From: o quick1 (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2011 6:53 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol

I think the government should not be mucking around in the cigarette business.
Leave Menthol alone and do not ban it.

Somers, Karen M

From: josy howard (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2011 5:13 PM
To: TPSAC

I think we as Americans are losing alot of what is suppose to be land of the free we do as we want.
Every day i am seeing to ban this ban that people should just try to relax and enjoy life and the end is
always very near . So I think there should not be a ban against menthol.

<http://mail.yimg.com/us.yimg.com/i/mesq/tsmileys2/40.gif>TammijoCochran

Somers, Karen M

From: Janet Reda (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2011 5:05 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: it is my right to choose

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This is a free country and if I choose to smoke, I should be allowed to and to choose menthol, lights, etc.
I also should be able to receive GIFTS from the UPC codes I saved from my cigarette pack. I was very mad and offended
when I found out all the Newport upc codes I had been saving were useless. I hadn't received a gift book and called and
found out Newport and I'm assuming other brands were FORCED to cancel their promotions. That's ridiculous. Do you
really think that by canceling their promotions, people were not going to smoke or as much????
All you did was to get people pissed off. Why don't you let people be free to do what they choose.
Janet

Somers, Karen M

From: georganne ambrose [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2011 4:44 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: PLEASE DON'T BAN MENTHOL CIGARETTES
Attachments: --static--liam_heartbubbles_bottomleft.jpg

To Whom It May Concern:

PLEASE DON'T BAN MENTHOL CIGARETTES!

Some people like to have choices in life. Why do some people want to *control* every aspect of what's supposed to be a **free society**?

PLEASE DON'T BAN MENTHOL CIGARETTES!

Thank you for listening to my view.

Sincerely,

Jamia E. DeFinis

Somers, Karen M

From: Jessi Allen [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2011 4:23 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol cigs, newports

I am a Newport smoker. And I want to voice my opinion and say please do not stop making menthol cigarettes. I have been smoking Newports since I was in Iraq with the US Army in 2005. Its the only Cigarette I smoke. On occasion I will smoke a Marlboro menthol. I dont really know what I should be saying in the email except please please dont stop makin menthol cigarettes. I have anxiety problems and a good menthol is the best thing to calm me down. So you can see why I will go crazy if you take them off the shelf. Please consider how many more people out there might have the same problem as me and just sit down and light a menthol and all there problems fade away and there shakes calm down with that first inhale. So please keep me in mind and think of the SOILDERS overseas that smoke. And trust me 75% smoke Newports/Menthol. so when ya'll think about not making menthol cigarettes anymore think about the lives you are about to affect. Thank you for your time,

Spc. Allen, Jessica (RET.)

** Ad Astra Per Aspera **

Somers, Karen M

From: CenturyLink Customer [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2011 4:16 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Smoker

I have the right to smoke cigarettes if I want to. I am of age. I only smoke menthol cigarettes and that is my personal choice to use any legal product. People that don't smoke, don't have to, but me I want to smoke menthol.

Somers, Karen M

From: [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2011 3:26 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Against Banning Menthol Cigarettes

Dear Caryn Cohen, M.S.,

I am writing because I smoke menthol cigarettes. Although most reports state the health issues of smoking any kind of cigarette, I still smoke, and I prefer to smoke menthol cigarettes. I feel I have a right to choose menthol over non-menthol cigarettes, so I am asking that the FDA does not ban menthol cigarettes.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Jane Muehl

Somers, Karen M

From: tracy mallon [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2011 1:43 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol ciggerettes

please do not ban menthol ciggs, it's the ONLY kind i can smoke. this is a FREE country and I as a taxpayer, should be able to choose, and buy what we prefer. Thank-You for your time, Tracy

Somers, Karen M

From: Jill Sheckells [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2011 1:37 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol ban concerned

I think the government is going to far on the smokers. First of all they ban smoking in most public places, Then they ban smoking in the bar, Then on college campuses, then they outlawed mailing tobacco thru the mail, and now they are trying to ban a flavor of our cigarettes. The government is going to far and taking away rights that should be up to the people. I am 67 years old and I know the risk of smoking but chose to smoke. If this ban goes thru, what next? They are just trying to ban all smoking. With the high taxes on cigarettes, you would think they would incourage smoking. It is all about government control. Please stop this ban because if it goes thru, what next? a paticular brand? Your right to live where you want? The right to have kids? The list goes on and on. Please stop this in its tracks. concerned about human rights Jill

Somers, Karen M

From: Mike Hammock [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2011 12:08 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol study

I'm writing in reference to the banning of menthol cigarettes. I have been smoking menthol cig for thirty odd years & I don't feel it is your place to try to restrict what I smoke or for that matter where. I don't buy your second hand smoke claims & I don't believe menthol ishurting me any worse than smoking itself does. Its politics only & is proven by the way the government is against cigarettes so hard & allows anything on alcohol to go. At least I am only hurting myself with cigarettes while alcohol is killing innocent people on highways every minute. Do you see any bans on alcohol. No its sold everywhere in state owned stores as well as private restaurants. Lets see some bans on alcohol & let cigarettes have a break for a while. Cigarettes don't destroy families as alcohol does & don't claim innocent lives as alcohol does. Can anyone tell me why the government seems to push & allow other companies to push alcohol sales but continues to try to crush anyone that has anything to do with cigarettes.

From: Justin Dowdy (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2011 12:07 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

Menthol has been used without controversy as a characterizing flavor in cigarettes - a flavor that can be tasted and identified by the smoker - for more than eighty years in countries around the world. It is also one of the most widely studied ingredients in cigarettes.

What have these studies found?

The science is clear and compelling. The best available scientific evidence demonstrates that menthol cigarettes have the same health effects as nonmenthol cigarettes. Menthol neither causes people to smoke, nor deters them from quitting. A menthol cigarette is just another cigarette — and should be treated no differently. Menthol cigarettes simply give adult smokers a taste choice.

Menthol is an organic compound found naturally in mint, spearmint and peppermint oils. Menthol is also synthetically manufactured in extremely high purity.

For decades, menthol has been used safely in a wide array of consumer products including food, drink, over-the-counter health products and cosmetics. Menthol has been recognized as a GRAS (Generally Recognized As Safe) material for use in food and also as a direct food additive by the FDA. It is similarly approved by the World Health Organization and regulatory authorities around the world.

Menthol is not prohibited in any type of product anywhere in the world.

Examples of products using menthol include:

- Chewing gum
- Toothpaste
- Cough drops
- Mouthwash
- Medicines
- Perfumes
- Shaving cream
- Lip balms
- Lotions

In cigarettes, menthol has been used as a characterizing flavor for more than eighty years. Concentration of menthol in cigarettes varies according to the cigarette brand.

in conclusion, i do not think that non-menthol cigarettes are any safer than menthol. so having said

that, there is no reason to ban menthol cigarettes. I am a menthol cigarette smoker since '06 and, I am fully behind menthol cigarettes. please consider these facts and others when making a decision that affects millions of people and billions of dollars in revenue.

Sincerely,

Justin Dowdy

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2011 8:34 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol cigarettes

I do not agree with the FDA restricting or banning all menthol cigarettes. It IS OUR RIGHT as AMERICANS to choose any LEGAL product. What is happening to our Rights? Do we have any?

Somers, Karen M

From: Christine Andrews (b) (6)]
Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2011 6:42 AM
To: TPSAC; TPSAC
Subject: The Banning of Menthol Cigarettes

My name is Christine Neusch. I am sending this email to voice my opinion to the banning of menthol cigarettes. Regardless of whether I chose to smoke or not smoke menthol versus non-menthol, to me is not the issue. Neither is whether menthol cigarettes are more harmful than non-menthol. The issue is this: the freedom to CHOOSE! This country's founding fathers tried to ensure that no matter what, a citizen of this country would have the right to make personal choices such as this. You have no business telling me nor keeping me from indulging in an activity that I chose to. If you ban menthol cigarettes you will have yet another "illegal" item for the police to regulate on the streets. Have you not learned from all the others? Do you not see how much death comes from the buying and selling of cocaine, heroin, prescription pills? Is that the kind of blood you want on your hands? Do me a favor: STAY OUT OF MY HOUSE AND MY PERSONAL LIFE!

Somers, Karen M

From: Michelle Gallo (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, February 21, 2011 7:58 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: baning menthol cigarettes

to who this may concern why whould you ban menthol cigarettes if you are gonna ban one ban all i am a menthol smoker and it dont make a difference to ban one because people will just change to non menthol you are not gonna stop people from smokeing cigarettes...there is nothing making it any worse or any better you should not ban menthol cigarettes!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, February 21, 2011 6:04 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol

I cant believe that you would consider banning menthol. There is no definitive proof that menthol is any worse than regular cigarettes. Just because someone's is of the opinion that it might be harmful doesn't mean that it is. I'm sure there are thousands of people are speaking the opposite.

Robert Parfitt

Somers, Karen M

From: Steven Nguyen (b) (6)]
Sent: Friday, December 24, 2010 9:51 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: FDA Newport Menthol Cigarettes Ban

I have been extremely disappointed with the FDA intervention regarding the newport cigarette restriction and/or the thought of banning the product whatsoever. It's been an unpleasant and an unbelievable inconvenience. I am very unhappy with the recent changes enough as is, and could not imagine how much more discontent can result from further restriction or possible banning. Thank you for your time to listen to the voice of one of the very many consumers of this product. I am greatly appreciative.

Steven Nguyen

Somers, Karen M

From: Mary Dueno [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Monday, January 31, 2011 9:05 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: tsste of cig

I am of legal age and like my menthol cigarettes. The government needs to stop telling us what is allowed and what is not. Before you know it we will be living in a world where we have no choices!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I should be able to smoke if I choose to , I know the risk of smoking, but that is my choice

Somers, Karen M

From: Kathy Price [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Sunday, February 20, 2011 4:02 PM
To: TPSAC

mind your own [REDACTED] in bussiness! if you dont like them dont smoke them!
accorda

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Somers, Karen M

From: [REDACTED] (b) (6) on behalf of Myriah McGuire [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Sunday, February 20, 2011 1:06 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Ban on menthol cigarettes

Do not ban Menthol cigarettes

Somers, Karen M

From: kster [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Sunday, February 20, 2011 12:46 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol cigarettes

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Menthol cigarettes should not be treated any differently than any other legal smokes. I know and have known and have persons in my family that have went to war to protect YOUR right, MY right, and any legal Americans right to personal choice in matters such as this. Less government intrusion, not more! --KB

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Somers, Karen M

From: Joyce Moss [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Sunday, February 20, 2011 8:42 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Keep Menthol Cigarettes

Hello,

I am writing to display my opinion on your consideration on banning menthol cigarettes. I believe that as an American, I should have the personal choice to use any legal product. Please do not ban menthol cigarettes.

Thank you for your time,

J. Moss

Somers, Karen M

From: Becky Best [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Saturday, February 19, 2011 8:38 PM
To: TPSAC

no ban

Somers, Karen M

From: Jeramiha LeBeau [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Saturday, February 19, 2011 5:44 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: please read

hello Mr./Miss

my name is Jeramiha LeBeau, I am wrihting this letter to you because i recived a message stateing that it is being thought over by you on banning all menthol cigarettes. i feel hurt as a american because it seem to me that im being told what i can and can not smoke regardeing to cigarettes. when i was younger i was told we live in the free world where we can chose what we want to do in life, be whatever you when you grow up, the right to chose if we want kids and not just one or two but as many as you want, the right to say what ever you want when you want, the right to chosed what faith you want to belive in or none at all.All im trying to say is if we keep banning cigarettes then it going to banning something eles then another and so forth untill we are mindless people being told how to live,eat and yes being told what you can belive in it might not seem like it but it will all happen if you take a way menthol cigarettes so please let us smoke what cigarettes we want thank you.

your friend jeramiha

P.S. if they are baned then there will be a lot of unhappy [REDACTED] ^{In} of people at one time do we realy need to do that
_{accorda}

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Somers, Karen M

From: Kimberly Gunnell (b) (6)
Sent: Saturday, February 19, 2011 3:04 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: For Newport

Hi, I am a long time Newport customer and fan of these ciggs. and only nsmoke the regular newport menthol and have for 18yrs. PLEASE let's do all we can to save these smokes! **Anything**, I can do please email me back. Thanks, Kim <http://mail.yimg.com/a/i/mesg/tsmileys2/18.gif>

Somers, Karen M

From: Karl Troidl (b) (6)
Sent: Saturday, February 19, 2011 2:43 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Banning Menthol Cigarettes?

Please, stop policing our personal lives. (b) (6) State is getting rich off the extra taxes they've placed on this "LEGAL" product, as I'm sure other states are too. I wish the tobacco companies would go on the offensive here and fight all of these illegal taxes. People decide to light up, just as the decide to get behind the wheel of a car. Lots of people die in car crashes, but you don't see these same states placing all these extra taxes on the car companies. If people want to smoke, whether it be plain or Menthol cigarettes, they should have that right to choose. Stay out of our personal lives!

Karl Troidl

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Somers, Karen M

From: Terrance Scruggs [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Saturday, February 19, 2011 1:48 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: do not ban menthol cigarets

please keep on the market

Somers, Karen M

From: Rouge M [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Saturday, February 19, 2011 12:22 PM
To: TPSAC

I think it is very unfair that the government thinks they should be allowed to take away our freedom of choice. I should be allowed to smoke whatever cigarette I want to. You have already taken away our freedom to smoke where we want to. Bars and restaurants should have the choice of being a smoking establishment if they choose.

Danielle Langlois
[REDACTED] (b) (6)

Somers, Karen M

From: [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Saturday, February 19, 2011 10:55 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Cigarettes

Please don't ban menthol cigarettes, I have been smoking them for 45 years, and my health is excellant. Ruth Nichols, [REDACTED] (b) (6)

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Saturday, February 19, 2011 4:29 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol

I am writing to voice my opinion on the possible ban of menthol cigarettes. First of all, why aren't you more worried about the drunk drivers that kill every day?! And another thing... Is this not America any longer?! What happened to freedom of choice?! Not only can "they" say where and when we can smoke, but now, "they" also want to dictate what kind/flavor of cigarettes we can smoke too?! REALLY?????!!!!

What's next?! We can't drink certain kinds/flavors of soda, depending on it's caffeine and/or sugar content?! The price of cigarettes continually rises, but the cost of beer, wine and liquor stays fairly steady. Marijuana is illegal, but beer, wine and liquor are not. Could you please research how many people in 2010 were injured or killed due to drinking, versus those killed by cigarettes or marijuana? Let me know what you come up with. Then, tell me that "they" are making our country a safer, better place to live. One more question... Are "they" drunk?! I don't exactly know who "they" are... But I do know that we need a new group of them! Sent on the Sprint® Now Network from my BlackBerry®

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Saturday, February 19, 2011 1:39 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: RE: My right to smoke!!!!

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN::

You have no right to tell me I can't smoke **MENTHOLS**. As a smoker my rights have been striped away as it is enough is enough. Who are you to tell me I can smoke now and enjoy the brand I enjoy and Like. I am sick of you people telling me the **SMOKER** where I can smoke now you want to tell me what Brand I can smoke oh please. **You people at the FDA should have better things to do with your time then this.** Like checking our Food chain, Meat Plants, Farms must I go on? But your money where it is needed.

Andrea L Weiss

Somers, Karen M

From: Joshua Earles [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Saturday, February 19, 2011 12:38 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Re: Disagreement

On Sat, Feb 5, 2011 at 1:07 PM, Joshua Earles [REDACTED] (b) (6)]> wrote:

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My name is Joshua Earles and I am an ex-smoker. December 1, 2008 to be exact. I do understand the horrible effects the cigarettes have on the body. However, I extremely disagree with banning menthol cigarettes. The effects on the body could not never be worse on the body. If banning menthol accomplishes anything you might as well ban all cigarettes in general. This action doesn't make any since to me.

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The Pearl

Somers, Karen M

From: Samantha Wilkins [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Friday, February 18, 2011 8:13 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol

I have had about enough of "big brother" invading my personal life. If I choose to smoke, that is my choice. I know the risks involved in MY personal decision. I am very upset that the FDA has decided to try to take menthol out of cigarettes. I like to smoke Newports and it is my decision not yours to have menthol in my cigarettes. Stay out of my personal life and deal with other issues. Leave cigarettes alone.

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Samantha Wilkins
[REDACTED] (b) (6)]

Somers, Karen M

From: Cindy Wolf [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Friday, February 18, 2011 10:56 PM
To: TPSAC

it's bad enough smoking is banned in public places and now you want to decide what kind of cigarettes I can smoke! do me and everyone else a favor by minding your own [REDACTED] in business.
[REDACTED] accor

Somers, Karen M

In accordance with 21 CFR 20.10, the above word has been deleted.

From: Audrey Paul-Smith [apaul-smith@asubio.com]
Sent: Friday, February 18, 2011 2:42 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Please see the research on the menthol vs. non-menthol cigarettes

Dear Sir or Madam,

After reviewing the research on various websites comparing menthol to non-menthol cigarettes I believe you will find there is no significant difference.

Since cigarettes are not illegal, I believe American citizens should have a right to choose a "flavor" if they want to. Hasn't there been enough restrictions on how, when and where people can smoke? This is America and, unless they are illegal, the cigarette restrictions are taking away some of our freedom as American citizens.

The best available scientific evidence demonstrates that menthol cigarettes have the same health effects as non-menthol cigarettes. Menthol neither causes people to smoke, nor deters them from quitting. A menthol cigarette is just another cigarette — and should be treated no differently. Menthol cigarettes simply give adult smokers a taste choice.

I ask you to please consider the scientific research and not pay heed to political or anti-tobacco influences.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Audrey Smith

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Somers, Karen M

From: Jennifer Lentz [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Friday, February 18, 2011 11:15 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol cigarettes

To whom it may concern;

I think that people know what menthol cigarettes do to their bodies, and it's not fair for someone like you to make the decision on whether they smoke them or not. People can make their own choices, and don't need you to do that for them. That may be your job, working in food and drug administration, but what gives you the right to make decisions on what people put in their bodies? I think Menthol Cigarettes should not be banned.....

Somers, Karen M

From: Malinda Smith [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Friday, February 18, 2011 1:00 AM
To: TPSAC

please keep menthol

Malinda Smith

Somers, Karen M

From: Barbara Dinkins [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2011 9:49 PM
To: TPSAC; TPSAC
Subject: menthol

All I can say is I am 62 yrs old & I have been smoking since I was 13 yrs old. That means I have smoked for 49 yrs & would say pretty healthy for my age. Probably 47 yrs of that I have smoked Newport menthol I find no pleasure in regular cigarettes. Please leave my menthol alone!

Somers, Karen M

From: Lisa Proctor [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2011 9:18 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Ban

I have understood the risks of smoking menthol and non-menthol cigarettes for a very long time. Armed with this knowledge I still choose to smoke. As a smoker, I would also like to be able to choose to smoke menthol cigarettes. You can inform the public about the risks and allow us, as adults, to choose to smoke non-menthol or menthol, please don't take away that right.

Thank You,

Lisa Proctor

Somers, Karen M

From: sharon stanley [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2011 5:36 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol cig

I would like for you to keep menthol cigarettes on the market

Sharon Stanley

Somers, Karen M

From: Sherry Hurt [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2011 4:47 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: ban on menthol

I am sending this email because they are trying to ban menthol in cigarettes. What right do you have to tell me what kind of cigarettes that I can or can't smoke, this is America and we are suppose to be free, is it not my decision on if I smoke menthol or not. Maybe I was wrong, maybe we are a communist country. Next the government will be telling me what color underwear I can or cannot wear!

Sherry Hurt

Somers, Karen M

From: Isaac Monroe [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2011 4:30 PM
To: TPSAC

dont banned menthol cigarettts because i love newports

Somers, Karen M

From: [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2011 2:20 PM
To: TPSAC

I have a right to menthol cigarettes. they are a legal product. you need to look at illegal products, and leave us alone.

Linda Erickson

Somers, Karen M

From: Stephen Jackson [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2011 9:39 AM
To: TPSAC
Cc: automanjackson@yahoo.com
Subject: My rights are mines

Peoples in this USofA should have the right to make their own choices in their own live as of you with yours, the people doen't tell you what your choices in life so stop telling us and do what your suppose to do help instead of hearting there are better ways your the science figure it out and leave us along and do your job.

Somers, Karen M

From: paul adler [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2011 5:34 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: FDA study into menthol cigarettes..A complete waist of taxe payer money.

To whom it may concern:

What in Gods name is going on that it is becoming more and more difficult to make choices for myself. Menthol cigarettes are and have been legal for who knows how long and everyone that smokes them knows they are detrimental to your health, but its my choice what and what not I want to ingest into my body. If the President of the United States of America wants to smoke a cigarette he can I'm sure they don't tell him to get 100 feet from the White house to be able to smoke. It is truly a sad day in America when I watch my personal choices being scrutinized by the government. I appreciate the warnings and all the heads up on what such products might contain but I feel as long as people want to smoke don't then let them be it's there personal right and in my opinion a waist of tax payers money. Thank you for listening to my opinion on this subject and if you do ban menthol

cigs then every time President Obama lights one up he is nothing more than a hypocrite and truthfully needs to check his motives. Please stop waisting my taxes and do something productive like dealing with our grain , cotton, corn etc.. commodities that have been consistently going up in price and eventually will become a disaster in and of it self.Please start worrying about the serious problems our country is facing before America reverts back the another boston tea party but this time instead of tea it will probably be a couple thousand cartons of cigarettes...

Thank You,

Paul David Adler

(b) (6)

Cell:(b) (6)

Somers, Karen M

From: chasity owens (b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2011 12:43 AM
To: TPSAC

i think we should have the choice of weather or not to smoke menthol or non menthol there are risk with smoking any cigarettes but no one should be able to take that choice away. i smoke menthol and will continue please do not take that option away from me. thank you for your time

Somers, Karen M

From: Lori Grohol (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2011 8:22 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol cigarettes....

To whom it may concern;

Do we not pay your paychecks by buying our choice of LEGAL cigarettes? We have a right as a citizen to decide what flavor cigarette we buy!!!! Menthol or not, cigarettes are obviously not in the book of great health, but the stress the government gives us over whether we are allowed to light up our **eight dollar** pack of cigarettes gives us enough stress!!! Try fixing your other legal problem. **ALCOHOL.** Leave us smokers alone.

Signed,
Concerned

Somers, Karen M

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2011 7:45 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol?

Really, menthol in cigarettes? Personally I think you guys are really going overboard now. I am positive there are some WAY more important things for the FDA to do. Like maybe put a few more inspectors on the job to be sure our food and water sources are clean and healthy. Let those who smoke, smoke. It is inherently dangerous regardless of the flavor. You have already got all cigarettes taxed almost out of reach. So you guys should either ban cigarettes altogether, or leave it alone and do other stuff!

Audrey C. Giles

Somers, Karen M

From: viktor breeden (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2011 7:03 PM
To: TPSAC

I do not want the fda to ban menthol cigarettes

Somers, Karen M

From: Kellie Sims (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2011 1:28 PM
To: TPSAC
Subject: Menthol Studies

Hello again!

Kellie Sims here. I haven't received any returned comments on my emails and am wondering if anyone is even reading them??? I will keep writing more emails as this issue that you are "studying" is very important to me for several reasons. Least of which is that I have been smoking Newport "Menthol" cigarettes for over 30yrs. I do not appreciate that fact that I may be "FORCED" to stop or change my preference because you scientist decide that menthol is more damaging to an ideividuals' health then non-menthol. How exactly do you go about proving that???

This email is concerning the new electronic cigarette that has hit the market. I recently aquired it through a friend. I started reading the package and the warnings on it are much worse then regular cigarette warnings!! It says: The U.S.F.D.A. HAS NOT APPROVED THE SAFTEY OF THIS PRODUCT FOR CONSUMER USE AND HAS NOT APPROVED THIS PRODUCT AS A HEALTHIER OR SAFER WAY TO SMOKE. THE F.D.A. HAS NOT APPROVED THIS PRODUCT AS A SAFE OR EFFECTIVE SMOKING CESSATION DEVICE OR NICOTINE REPLACEMENT THERAPY. THIS PRODUCT CONTAINS NICOTINE, WHICH HAS BEEN SHOWN TO BE ADDICTIVE. PHYSICAL EFFECTS OF NICOTINE USE INCLUDE INCREASED HEART RATE, ACCELERATED BLOOD PRESSURE, AND WEIGHT LOSS. IF THE CARTRIDGE IS SWALLOWED, SEEK MEDICAL ADVICE IMMEDIATLY. THIS PRODUCT NOT INTENDED FOR USE BY ANYONE UNDER 18. KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.
ALSO;

TOXIC BY INHALATION
TOXIC IN CONTACT WITH SKIN
TOXIC IF SWALLOWED
HARMFUL BY INHALATION
NOT SUITABLE FOR PREGNANT OR BREASTFEEDING WOMEN
O.K.

I have to wonder why it is that you are studying the effects of menthol cigaretts now, after all this time that they have been on the market and LEGAL?? When obviously, there are products out on the market that are in need of being studied more urgently then menthol. What about smoking cessation products like wellbutin, CHANTEX, patches, gum, all that stuff. We know that CHANTEX and products in that line, can cause suicidal tendencies in some people. Yet these products are F.D.A. approved!?? So it's o.k. if a few people die from an F.D.A. approved drug, but it's not o.k. for them to smoke cigarettes which may or may-not cause their death?? How can you justify this???

What has happened to the F.D.A.??? Too many drugs and not enough time to thoroughly test them for side effects???

Or is it all about the money? It occurred to me during this last little recession that we had, that the pharmaceutical companies weren't complaining about losing money. Why is that?? Maybe you should fund a study on that with my tax dollars! Originally, The Government was supposed to oversee and hold the Drug Companies accountable for the safety of the drugs that go to market. Now it seems that the Drug Companies do whatever they want to because they throw BIG MONEY at the GOVERNMENT!!

PEOPLE ARE DIEING FROM DRUGS THAT THE F.D.A. HAS LET LOOSE ON THE PUBLIC!! DOESN'T THAT BOTHER YOU JUST A LITTLE BIT???

So that's my food-for-thought for you today. Sincerely, Kellie Sims

Somers, Karen M

From: Massey, Mary [Mary.Massey@jud.ct.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2011 9:58 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: menthol cigarettes

I don't see what the big deal is. Menthol has been around for so many years, why change it now. It's should be up to the person that smoke cigarettes not you. It's bad enough you can't smoke in certain places, next you won't be able to smoke in your own home or it will be illegal. Just leave us alone. (smokers) It's our health, not yours.

Thank you

MM

Somers, Karen M

From: jordan pinch [REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2011 7:30 AM
To: TPSAC
Subject: do not ban menthal

please if you ban menthol i could not go on i have read both sides of the article and i feel you are not making a wise decision but a fast and inappropriate on since you research says there is no difference between menthol and non in health safety aspects please let me smoke me menthol it should be my choose what i can smoke.

Thank you for you business
Jordan Pinch
Co-owner Digital Computer Repair
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