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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](mailto: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](http://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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## Knoblach, John

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**From:** Jennifer Mead [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2011 6:29 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** menthol cigarettes

Taking away menthols is not going to solve anything. people will still try to get them illegally. then there will be new problems. give it up. you wont win.people can smoke what they want...menthol or not...who are you to tell people what flavor of things they can have. its like saying we can have vanilla icecream but not chocolate because chocolate is more addicting. might as well ban chocolate too. GIVE IT UP...ITS ANNOYING...find something more important to spend my tax dollars on... thanks a heap...

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** Renee Harrison [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 23, 2010 8:41 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Banning Menthol Cigarettes

As a menthol smoker, Please DON NOT BAN my choice of smoke. I KNOW ALL the health factors involved, however, this IS MY CHOICE.

Thank-You,

Renee' C. Harrison -age 48

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** Cat [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2011 11:32 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Menthol Cigarettes

Please keep the freedom of choice for smokers in America. I think this is very ridiculous to single out menthol cigarettes, just leave them alone.

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** bob [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 03, 2011 6:45 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** cigarettes

When you have a cup of coffee, a glass of wine or a scotch, remember it was an individual choice. Life in itself is hazardous to one's health. It is about time you stopped using every imaginable means to tax or tell other people how to live. You should worry more about becoming a third world country. We may be back to growing our own food, living in a tent and expect to be dead by age 45. That was true in 1900 and is heading at us like a freight train. **SO GET OFF THE MENTHOL BAN AND WORRY ABOUT YOUR OWN LIVES IN THIS NEW WORLD WE ARE CREATING. YOU REALLY WANT TO WORRY CHECK OUT WHAT WE DO TO CHICKENS, PIGS AND COWS. – GOOD LUCK bob burney**

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Crisspycritter [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, May 06, 2011 4:50 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Dumb

How can u it should be our rite to smoke tobacco as we want we smokers pay for tha cigarettes we so y sh it be sum ones elses chose of what kind we can smoke or not an to them people get a [REDACTED] in life an fight over sumthing worth fightin for like freedom an peace an world hunger accor real people  
\$Chaos\$

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

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, May 02, 2011 7:55 PM  
**To:** TPSAC

Yeah so if u get rid of menthol smokes ima be salty cause i smoke non [REDACTED] thol since i was 11 and started having probs beathing and couphing up blood and nasty [REDACTED] in like that and since i switched to NEWPORTS i havnt had any of those problems. Or an accor nhol cig at that. Names aaron van haltersmid and im here to say smoking menthol is good. :) theenk uewwwww

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

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** Ricky Peddicord II (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 30, 2011 1:13 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Don't Ban Menthol Cigarettes

I don't understand why you want to ban only menthol cigarettes. If you do, then a lot of people will quit smoking and then you [redacted] In government agencies will loose a lot of money from taxes on those cigarettes. So I'm betting [redacted] In accordance because the government likes to [redacted] In the American people with more and more taxes you aren't going to risk loosing that money from [redacted] In the people that will quit if they cant smoke menthol cigarettes. Also, THERE IS NOT A SAFER CIGARETTE. They are all equally bad for you and this is America and i am FREE TO DECIDE TO DO WHATEVER I WANT WITH MY BODY!!! What are you people going to try to ban next?? AC, Gas Mowers, anything else that affects your tax dollars. I BET NOT. So stop trying to [redacted] In with my freedom you power hungry [redacted] In Have a nice day [redacted] In accordance

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

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** [redacted] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 30, 2011 3:01 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** hi

i smoke newports menthol 100s and i only smoke the menthol please don't take them away from us

yours truly  
ken korshnak

[redacted] (b) (6)

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** Latarsha Powe (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 28, 2011 11:21 AM  
**To:** TPSAC

I am a menthold cigarette smoker. The ban on menthol cigarettes should not be enforced. Menthol cigarettes, in my opinion, do not carry a greater risk than non-menthol cigarettes. I believe it is my right to smoke menthol cigarettes if I choose to do so. I know people that have never smoked a day in their lives nor do people around them smoke and have died from cancer. Any band on cigarettes, in my opinion, will violate a smoker's right.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Latarsha Powe

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Cecelia [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2011 6:10 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Menthol Cigarettes

I have been following the science on menthol cigarettes. I do not believe that they are any more harmful than non-menthol cigarettes. I am a menthol cigarette smoker, and I do not approve of this ban. I want you to vote against the ban.

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** NIKI [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 26, 2011 11:51 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** my rights

it has come to my attention that people are trying to ban menthol cigarettes. i have read all about menthol and see that they pose no greater risk than any other kind of cigarette. i will be very disappointed if this is done. my name is nicole fontello and i smoke newport box and i want u to leave our cigarettes alone.

i guess that's all i have to say,

thank you for your time

nicole fontello

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, April 22, 2011 12:21 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Not fair

It is my right to smoke and smoke Menthol if I would like to. Please dont tell me what I can or cannot put in my own body. I enjoy smoking especially Menthol. It is my right to choose what I do with it. This is not your right to take it away.

Sincerely,  
Wendi Dargon

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 21, 2011 2:19 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** menthol cigarettes

There is no way that menthol cigarettes are more addicting than non-menthol cigarettes. Nicotine is what makes cigarettes addicting, NOT menthol. Banning them would be ridiculous and unfair!

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** Teek (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 21, 2011 11:01 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Lorillard Tobacco Company

I really think there right if u banned menthol cigarettes u should let us smoke what we want thx

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** Lorraine Comfort (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2011 12:59 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** menthol Cigarettes

To Whom It May Concern,

I do not appreciate you trying to take away my legal right to smoke menthol cigarettes. I would appreciate it if you would stop trying to control the world, and move on to things of greater meaning like feeding the hungry in the USA. The unemployment rate, and other more severe and impacting issues rather than taking away my right of choice in tobacco products.

Sincerely,

Lorraine Comfort

(b) (6)

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Michael Davis (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 13, 2011 11:30 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Cc:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Let us enjoy menthol cigarettes.

Dear FDA: Let us menthol smokers enjoy the cool refreshing taste of menthol. We prefer the menthol, because it has a better taste. Menthol flavor is a lighter and mild taste that's better than regular taste. I know if they quit making menthol cigarettes it's gonna be a lot of angry people.

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 13, 2011 5:00 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Menthol Cigarettes

Dear Ms. Cohen: I believe as a free American citizen, the choice and freedom to smoke a legal cigarette at my age should be my choice. I choose to smoke MENTHOL cigarettes and frankly enjoy them much more than I do non-menthol, allow an adult to choose, if you're going to continue to sell cigarettes the right to CHOOSE, THE BRAND OF SMOKES! I believe I have a right to choose, buy, select, decide what I pay for, and the FDA needs to really continue to make decisions on other things. I appreciate the work that you do, however, to stop making menthol cigarettes, really is not going to stop one from smoking, and since that's the case, leave us 'MENTHOL

SMOKERS CIGARETTES ALONE, PLEASE!!!!!!

Respectfully, Pam Neylon-Williams

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Kristi Malik (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, April 11, 2011 11:05 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** menthol cigarettes

I smoke menthol cigarettes, have for years I know cigarettes are bad for me and I don't want to quit so please let my cigarettes alone. If you can talk about banning one then talk about banning all.

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Laura Kerre (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, April 11, 2011 10:03 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** mental cigs

To whom it may concern,

What you are planning to do with the banning of mental cigarettes is wrong in my opinion. We as Americans have a choice to do what we please, I thought this was called "Land of the Free"?!? But really its just called "Land of the Government" because the government is controlling everything we say or do these days. Its not fair to whom ever likes to smoke mental cigarettes to ban them. We should be able to smoke what we please when we please. Please reconsider banner mental cigarettes.

Thank you for your time.

Laura

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Majick (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, April 11, 2011 2:17 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Menthol

Keep menthol it's all I smoke

Mike Lary

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Kathy Anton (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, April 08, 2011 5:56 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Proposed Law Restricting Menthol Cigarettes

Kathleen A. Anton

(b) (6)



April 7, 2011

Caryn Cohen, M.S.

Center for Tobacco Products

Food and Drug Administration

9200 Corporate Blvd., Room 320W

Rockville, MD 20850-3229

Dear Ms. Cohen:

I am writing in regard to the new law that allows the FDA to consider restricting or banning all menthol cigarettes.

I am vehemently opposed to any such ban as I am a menthol cigarette smoker and have been for quite a number of years.

There are a great number of products on the market that are much more harmful to the consumer that need your attention. I am so tired of the government trying to regulate with my tobacco habit. I am a grown adult woman and should have the right of whether or not I choose to smoke and especially what type of cigarette I choose to smoke.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to voice my concern with this law.

Sincerely,

Kathleen A. Anton

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** John Fenner [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 05, 2011 11:50 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Banning Menthol Cigarettes...NO !!!!!

Hello,  
I recently received a letter informing me that the FDA was looking to BAN all menthol cigarettes.

I am herby writing this email to inform you that 'I HAVE THE RIGHT TO SMOKE WHATEVER I WANT' and therefore you should NOT have the right to ban menthol cigarettes.

I have smoked menthol cigarettes since I was 17 years old, I am now 42....PLEASE do not persist in this endeavor!

The US government has already persisted in getting their grimy fingers in our wallets by increasing the state tax in New York to UNREALISTIC amounts, we now may \$10 a pack....isn't that enough for you guys to take every penny you can get from us? I mean REALLY ??? Get a grip people...

Edward Hallmark

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, April 04, 2011 10:39 AM  
**To:** TPSAC

I strongly believe that menthol cigarettes should not be banned, for several reasons. What happened to us being free, having a choice. If fda bans menthol cigarettes, they might as well ban all cigarettes because all cigarettes kill! Fda should also ban alcohol too if they decide to ban menthol, because acohol kills every day, victims that dont even drink get killed from it. keep menthol!!!!

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Catherine Reyes (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 02, 2011 2:57 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** DO NOT BAN MENTHOL CIGARETTES

**It is my personal right to choose which brand of cigarettes I smoke, and I choose menthol.**

**PLEASE DO NOT BAN MENTHOL CIGARETTES**

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Donna Shaw (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, April 01, 2011 9:10 PM  
**To:** TPSAC

do not band menthol cigarettes

If only we'd stop trying to be happy we could have a pretty good time.-Edith Wharton

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, April 01, 2011 2:53 PM  
**To:** TPSAC

people know what they are getting themselves into with ANY pack of cigarettes theres enough warning on the box and in heath class at schools.. let people smoke menthol if thats what they want

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, April 01, 2011 2:08 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Menthol cigs

Anyone who smokes knows that they r taking a health risk. If I want to smoke and spend my hard earned money on smokes I want to know I have a right to choose the kind of smokes im going to smoke. I work in a tobacco store and people are already cutting back or quitting just because of the cost. We have asked our customers qhat they think about the whole ordeal and we havent got back any good feedback. Myself as a menthol smoker I will quit I will not smoke a full flavor. This will cause a huge loss maybe not all at once but overtime we will all see maybe when its too late.

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** antonia baker [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2011 1:27 PM  
**To:** TPSAC

Please dont ban Newport Kings soft pack that the only brand I smoke. I will go to another store if there out.

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Javad Ferguson [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2011 1:49 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Ban of Menthol Ciggarette's

Hi,  
I think that the FDA should allow us to continue the use of smoking menthol cigarettes, its our choice to smoke menthol, non-menthol, non filtered cigarettes. Its our freedom to do so.. And us smokers definately PAY to smoke the cigarette of our choice.

As long as we are not allowing anyone under the age 18 to smoke, I dont understand why the FDA is trying to push this ban.  
We are all aware of the risks of smoking..

Thanks,  
Javad Ferguson

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Eddie Hayes [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2011 11:30 AM  
**To:** TPSAC

stop messing with smokers

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2011 6:56 AM  
**To:** TPSAC

Please do not ban menthol cigarettes I am 32 years old male been smoking menthols since I was 18 and legal once more I love menthols do not take them away from legal age smokers who have the right to smoke thank you  
Signed Justin Simpson  
Sent via BlackBerry from T-Mobile

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** gina pignato (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 03, 2011 10:58 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** menthol cigarettes

DO NOT STOP MAKING MENTHOL CIGARETTES, THEY ARE NO MORE HARMFUL THAN NON MENTHOL CIGARETTES. DO NOT BAN MENTHOL. THEY ARE NO MORE HARMFUL.  
THANK YOU

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** William Johnson (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 1:41 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** ban on menthol cigarettes

I don't think that there should be a ban on menthol cigarettes. A menthol cigarette is just a flavor that should be a choice for adult smokers.

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Ryan Davis (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 12:06 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Menthol Cigarettes

There is no difference between menthol cigarettes and non menthol. They both contain birth risks and tobacco. It should be a persons right to choose what they wish. I have smoked menthol ever since I started smoking. Just because more African Americans smoke them I will let you know I am 100% white and many of my friends are. I am 30 years old. People choose what tastes good to them like food. You should not ban anymore than we have already in the USA. What's next milk?

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** Idlivingston [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 12:09 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Menthol Cigarettes

Hello and Good Evening, my name is Latosha Livingston. I have been a menthol smoker of Newport for ten years. My mother and aunt have been menthol smokers for thirty years. I personally feel that it is wrong for the FDA to change or decide to pull menthol cigarettes off the market. Although we ALL are working on quitting smoking cigarettes altogether, it is our RIGHT to smoke the kind of cigarettes we choose. I have tried a non-menthol cigarette and it was disgusting, and tasted like the smell of chalk. If you pull menthol cigarettes off the market you WILL lose a billion dollars or more. So I ask you, if you move forward with doing this then ban cigarettes period! With that being said, help pay for programs for ALL smokers to quit in the USA. All cigarettes are like a drug they're very addictive, and hard to quit. Last, but not least come out with a product to help wean smokers off of cigarettes besides the nicotine gum or patch!!

Sincerely,  
Latosha Livingston

Sent from my BlackBerry® by Boost Mobile

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** sonia christian [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 03, 2011 1:08 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** cigarettes and menthol

its discrimination tobacco is tobacco it doesn't make a different if you ban menthol then you should ban regular cigarettes and what happen to my choice you've warned me and choose to smoke now the talk is control me tell me when I can breath why don't ya

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** Miya Ashton [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2011 6:44 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Are you Serious?!

What right do you have to even remotely attempt to control what type of cigarettes we enjoy as Americans? I'd burning with curiosity...why we as Americans should have to worry about you taking away our right to choose between two LEGAL products!!! If possible, please respond ASAP...a better premise of your findings would be much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Miya Ashton

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Mike Odom [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2011 8:22 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Menthol

Who are y'all to decide if the american public should not have the right to choose which brand of cigarettes they smoke. You want to ban menthol because most black people smoke them. Then why not ban their favorite liquor or beer. As a white american I think your being as racist as your allowed.

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Derrick Fridge [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2011 6:30 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Menthol Ban

I have just read on the Newport website about more FDA changes to cigarettes. I feel that Smoking has already been proven to be harmful to humans, however... as Americans we retain the right to choose to smoke or not smoke in general. To now remove Menthol is just a bad move. It's the equivalent of removing cream and sugar from your morning coffee or Cheese on your hamburger. You should release a Warning that so called studies find that it may be harmful, but we should be given the right to choose rather or not we want to consume it or not.

Please don't remove Menthol from the shelves, it's just not a good move... the next thing you'll have is Menthol smokers soaking there cigs in Mint extract, now that can't be healthy by any means. That's just my 2 cents, thanks

Mr. Derrick Fridge

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Naughtia Pawluczkwycz [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2011 8:21 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** whats the point?

What's the point of banning menthol cigarettes? Its wrong! I as a smoker. Have the choice of what product i want to smoke!

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** Sandy Heinz (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 21, 2011 4:53 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Menthol Cigarettes

**Attachments:** image001.jpg

I'm writing to you today regarding the study on banning menthol cigarettes. This is a complete waste of tax payer money and I hope the FDA stops this ridiculous effort. Please focus your attention elsewhere. Every smoker in America knows by now cigarettes are not good for you. We have the right, in this "free" country, to choose what and how we want to live and what flavor of a legal product we would like to consume. Please DO NOT ban menthol cigarettes!!! The government needs to STOP trying to control people and stop trying to save them from themselves. This is absolutely ridiculous—there are MANY MANY things the FDA could be doing with our tax dollars besides focusing on smoking. People who want to smoke are going to smoke—GET OVER IT !!!!! I have worked and paid taxes for 40 years and am sick of the government interfering with my rights as a citizen .

This relentless persecution of smokers needs to STOP !!! No one is being exposed to second hand smoke because of all the new laws. People who choose to smoke have the right to do so—at least this USED to be a free country where you had the freedom to live as you choose. Thank you for your time.

Sandra E. Heinz

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## Knoblach, John

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**From:** Kristy Lederer [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 20, 2011 3:36 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Menthol cigarettes

I have smoked menthol cigarettes for a number of years but contrary to what the study out of San Francisco stated it was not my starter cigarette, nor was it a starter cigarette of anyone I know. I do not believe it is the government's place to ban menthol cigarettes for the reasons found, for the reason that the flavor could cause children to try, my experience has been that if a child decides to try and smoke they will use any cigarette they are able to get a hold of, I believe if a child decides to try smoking flavor is not the reason they make that decision, it would more likely be due to peer pressure or curiosity. The reason stated that menthol will cause African Americans to smoke is ridiculous, adults are adults and as long as the harmful effects are made known then it is up to the person individually to make their own decision. Cigarette smokers have been punished with the numerous taxes that have been added, and the smoking bans put into place on a daily basis, I feel like soon we as Americans will have no rights or choices to make, so please let us menthol smokers keep the choice to continue smoking what we like, as long as the harmful effects are known to the legal smokers it should remain their choice. Thank you for your time.

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** dawn curtice [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 20, 2011 10:19 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Cigarettes menthol or non-menthol the risks are the same

I can see people not wanting cigarettes smoke in restaurants where there are children. This banning business is getting ridiculous. Now you want to take away our choice of taste also. Why don't you just take away our choice of different kinds of soda or our choice of cheese & milk and our choice of meats or bread. Do you see what all of this is leading to. This is America! The freedom of choice. Where is it going to stop? I have been smoking menthol cigarettes for most of my life. I don't like the taste of non-menthol cigarettes. I don't have any ailments from smoking. I've had my lungs checked they are clear. Besides the smell on my clothes which can be washed and they smell great, I don't see where you're getting your new studies from. They are still making cigarettes the same. What's changed? I don't know I just think you're asking for too much. Sincerely, smoker of menthol for 39 years. Thank you for taking the time to hear me out.

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Omer H Recore Sr [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 20, 2011 6:03 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Menthol Newport

To who it may concern, I've been smoking for 70 years I am 82 years old and it is my only pleasure please don't take that away from me

Omer H. Recore Sr

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Rudyle [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 02, 2011 11:45 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** MENTHOL CIGARETTES

GENTELMAN;

PLEASE STAY OUT OF MY LIFE AND LET ME MAKE MY OWN DECISION REGARDING MENTHOL CIGARETTES.

THIS IS JUST ANOTHER GOVERNMENT INTRUSION BASED ON UNSUBSTANTIATED SCIENCE AND IS MORE OF THE AGENDA DRIVEN RULINGS BY OUR GOVERNMENT. LITTLE BY LITTLE OUR FREEDOM OF CHOICE IS BEING

WHITTLED AWAY BY OUR SOCIALISTIC RULERS AND THEIR SELF APPOINTED ENFORCERS ON THE PAYROLL.

AFTER SOME 80+ YEARS, I HAVE SEEN OUR COUNTRY'S BASIC FOUNDATION AND CORE VALUES DESTROYED THRU THIS TYPE OF CONTROL OVER OUR PERSONAL LIFE AND BELIEFS.

GOD BLESS AND SAVE AMERICA.

RUDY LEHLE  
[REDACTED] (b) (6)

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**From:** Megan Parham (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 19, 2011 4:02 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** do not ban menthol

**PLEASE DO NOT BAN  
MENTHOL CIGARETTES!!!**

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Brandon Lewis (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 19, 2011 2:41 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Menthol Cigarettes

I love my Newport short in the box please leave well enough alone.

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**From:** Ron Karek - Shipping & Logistics Manager [shipping@contemporaryfurniture.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 19, 2011 2:40 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Menthol Cigarettes

Jusat a quick note to say that I think it is ridiculous to ban menthol cigarettes while other cigarettes, which are just as dangerous, will still be legal. All banning menthol cigarettes is going to do is make those who would smoke menthol, smoke non-menthol instead. We're paying almost \$10 per pack now for any kind of cigarette, because all those taxes (most of the price of the pack) are "helping us" to smoke less... at least let me have menthol for my \$10. Really, I think your time would be better spent making sure prescription drugs are fully tested before they're approved.

Thanks,

Ron Karek

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**From:** stephanie whisman [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 19, 2011 1:51 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Menthol information

I think if i want to smoke menthol cig. and i pay \$7.00 and more to do so why do they want to stop putting menthol in them? I would like to know more information on why they want to stop? Thank you

Stephanie Whisman

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** Sheila Hayward [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 19, 2011 11:09 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Menthol

*This is un-called for. If this passes allot of people will quite smoking.*

*Sheila Hayward*

[REDACTED] (b) (6)

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**From:** Ryan Shader [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2011 3:50 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Menthol ban

To whom it may concern,

I do not see a point in banning any cigarettes, let alone menthol cigarettes. One: non-menthol cigarettes are just as hard to stop smoking as their mint flavored counterparts. The fact of the matter is, a menthol cigarette has nothing to do with the amount of nicotine in the cigarette or level of any other addicting chemicals as opposed to non-menthol or "red" cigarettes. Science has proven this fact time and time again, in every instance documenting their findings and evidence, the likes of which I am sure you could read for yourself on a major medical website. The second point I have to make is that cigarettes are legal and taxed very heavily as it now stands. If they make any flavor of cigarettes illegal, let alone every flavor, that would take money out of the pocket of the government, make our debt higher and hurt the economy sending into a downward financial spiral more so than it already has. If you ban cigarettes menthol or not you will be hurting the United States, its government, not to mention yourselves in addition. The fact that people can die from cigarettes is something that people have known for years. In case you are unfamiliar with art history, Vincent Van Gogh painted a skeleton with a cigarette in its mouth. The piece dates back to around 1896. Kind of throws out the notion people didn't know the dangers of it back then, doesn't it? There are a lot of other legal things that are just as bad if not worse for you than any cigarettes menthol or not. Typical household bleach (yes like the Clorox kind) can damage your lungs more than cigarettes if inhaled enough, and people do their fair share of laundry every day. Conversely, there have been a lot of people that never smoked one cigarette in their whole life, and have died from the same things, like lung cancer, that cigarettes have been known to cause. If you

were smart, you would realize what a mistake outlawing cigarettes of any flavor is. You make money when people buy cigarettes and make money when people die from whatever health complication smoking causes. I hope this message as well as some of the facts it contains will at least get you to consider what an atrocity banning tobacco cigarettes of any kind would be to the people of America and their freedoms.

Sincerely,  
Ryan Shader

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**From:** Jessica Craig [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2011 9:10 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Menthol Cigarettes

It is every individual's choice to smoke cigarettes, whether it be regular or menthol. It is NOT the government's job to ban certain tobacco products and allow others to be purchased. As a smoker I am well aware of the risks and it is MY choice and right as an American citizen to live my life the way I choose to. I'm not hurting anyone but myself, so I am letting you know that this is unconstitutional, America was founded on FREEDOM, not a communist view.

Thank You,  
Jessica  
(a Smoker and a person)

Sent using Panther Power through my iPhone

## **Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Mercedes Vazquez [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2011 9:07 PM  
**To:** TPSAC

I may be a tad late but my opinion should still matter. All smokers have their choice on cigarettes, some end up smoking non-menthol and some end up smoking menthol. If this is America, then, we should have our own choice on what we smoke. It's unfair to make us, menthol smokers either stop smoking or have to be forced to smoke non-menthol cigarettes. I believe that menthol cigarettes should not be banned. It's our choice, not yours.

Sincerely,  
A menthol smoker

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** tammy schindler [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2011 2:44 PM  
**To:** TPSAC

i am a menthol cigarette smoker. i am confused by the fact that menthol is worse than non menthol! as smokers we totally understand the risk we are taking by smoking period.why would it matter that its menthol or non menthol???

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**From:** Lonyel Cole [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 8:18 PM  
**To:** TPSAC

If u consider banning cigarettes , it is hippocritical and does not make since if people know the risk no matter whar brand they will smoke. By banning menthol you are saying its ok to smoke let me choose my poison.

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**From:** Adam Brooks [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 6:19 PM  
**To:** TPSAC

I mean really!! What is there to say?!?!?! What's the question, where's the argument about you telling me what I can and cannot do!! This is <sup>In</sup> and I personally am tired of it. Ban it why?? People smoke, they smoke because they want to, <sup>acco</sup>we know it's bad for us, but that is OUR business!!! I can't in my, soon to be 30 years on this earth, every remember when we have actually had A FREE COUNTRY!!!! Capitalist, bureaucrats, and tree-huggin "green" modern day hippies, like yourselves can all kiss my CONSTITUTIONALLY FREE FAT <sup>In</sup>!!!!!! When did this become a communist country, what happened to free choice?? I mean we can't even make the choice to smoke the kind of cigarettes we want!!!! We can't decide not to wear a seat belt anymore, why, we know it's dangerous; but it's OUR LIVES!!! We don't try to tell you how to live yours!! Even if I was some hot shot overpaid big-wig at a huge corporation like you, I still wouldn't even think about trying to decide and dictate hundreds of thousands of complete strangers lives. This has to stop, and stop now!! We as Americans deserve better!! We all have to be healthy and fit, and be friends and live in Mr. Rogers neighborhood. Shame on you and everyone like you. This nation was built on the dream of freedom from an oppressive government, and history has been doomed to repeat itself. When will the madness stop.....when is the time for rich to get richer and the poor to get poorer to be over. When.....

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

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**From:** Ozzman25@sbglobal.net (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 6:02 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Really???

I have been smoking menthol cigarettes for many of years and do not plan to quit anytime soon. I also believe there are many people that feel the same way. I am just putting my 2-cents in on this issue because banning newport(menthol) cigarettes would affect many, many, many people. I'm going to end up growing tobacco in my closet and rolling them with Altoid mints. Please do not ban menthol cigarettes!!!!!!

Sent from my iPad

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Tasha Hensler (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 11:11 PM  
**To:** TPSAC

x I think it is wrong for you to supply the community with newports then make the decision to get rid of them. This is a free country and if the public CHOOSES to smoke newports, knowing the risks and the damages that the product does to our bodies then, so be it, as grown adults of a free country, it should be OUR choice not yours.

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Deby Foust (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 8:18 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Menthol Cigarettes

I just wanted to say that I am 100% AGAINST the banning of menthol cigarettes. I am 51 years old and do not appreciate the government trying to tell me what I can smoke with regards to cigarettes. I think I am capable of choosing for myself. I have been hearing since I was a teenager all the things like, "they make your lungs bleed, they crystallize your lungs," etc, etc. I have been smoking for 39 years and I am in great health.

It should be my own right as an adult to choose what type of cigarettes I smoke.

Thank you,

Nina Foust

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**From:** Sharon Sharman-Brogdon [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 6:34 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Menthol ban

I do not see any reason to ban menthol cigarettes. They cause no more harm than regulars!

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Alisa Wilson [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 3:25 PM  
**To:** TPSAC

people have rights too! how do you think no one has the right to smoke what they think is satisfying to them. i think you really need to evaluate this thought more. it is just unfair to everyone!

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** SANDRA KRAWCZYK [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 3:00 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Menthol Cigarettes

Your time and effort to ban menthol cigarettes is ridiculous.  
Cigarettes are cigarettes. Smoking is Smoking. Put your time and money into something worthwhile and leave Menthols alone. Thank you.  
Sandy Krawczyk  
[REDACTED] (b) (6)

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**From:** Savannah [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 1:38 PM  
**To:** TPSAC

don't take our menthol

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 11:45 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Banning Menthol Cigarettes

The banning of Menthols cigarettes will be unfair to those of us who smoke them,. it leaves of no choice of taste. The treatment of menthol and non-menthol should be the same. As long as they are legal. We should be able to make the choice for ourselves.

Thank you  
Chana Bethea

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**From:** Overshown, Alonzo [Alonzo.Overshown (b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 10:02 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Menthol Cigarettes

Hello, I am writing to inform you that as an adult I choose to smoke menthol cigarettes, of course I know that smoking can cause considerable damage to my health, but so can going about my everyday activities. Sometimes, it seems that people cannot help themselves when it comes to doing the wrong thing and we all have choices to make. Please do not ban menthol cigarettes, because what will happen is that it will not discourage us from smoking we will just switch to a non-menthol brand that we can tolerate, also you may be opening up a whole new drug problem, because if menthol becomes illegal, then you and I both know that the criminal element will find a way to produce menthol cigarettes and this will create another problem for the DEA. In other words, please do not take away my right to choose. Thanks for your time and enjoy life.....and allow me to choose to smoke products that contain menthol. Please don't force me to become a criminal, because at this time in my life I choose to smoke cigarettes that contain menthol.

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**From:** Judy Campbell (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 1:54 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Do Not Ban Menthol

Please  
Do not ban menthol. Do not listen to Anti-Smokers.

thank you. Judy Campbell

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Cortney Michaux (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2011 11:27 PM  
**To:** TPSAC

To whom it may concern,

I am a happy methol smoker and I'm pretty sure me and a thousands of other people love methol please don't take it away. Some of us might go crazy across thr globe.

Thankyou for reading this please reconcider your descision

Sent from my Palm Pixi on the Now Network from Sprint

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Ernest DeSoto (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2011 10:27 PM  
**To:** TPSAC

I think it is absolutly stupid for the FDA to ban menthol cigarettes. Smoking any cigarette is bad for you. However it is a personal decision just like those who choose to drink alcohol. That would be like you saying we are going to ban liquor but u can still drink beer. Let the people of America decided if they want that menthol cigarette and focus more on the economy or helping with the natural disaster. No wonder our economy is so bad! Both kinds of cigarettes are bad it doesn't matter which one is worse.

Sent from Yahoo! Mail on Android

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** gene ferguson [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2011 4:59 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** menthol

Stop trying to create a monopoly and exclude menthol cigarettes!

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Georgette Rice [georgette.rice [REDACTED]] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2011 2:40 PM  
**To:** TPSAC

i smoke menthol and thats what i choose to smoke

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Walter Chandler [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2011 1:33 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Menthol Cigarettes

I am tired of the government telling us what we can and cannot do. If I prefer to smoke menthol cigarettes that is my choice. This is the same as government officials choosing to drink beer or whiskey. Oh, but those drug are legal so they can drink what they want. Have any of them watched prescription drug commercials lately. I know these drugs must be prescribed but side affects from these are much worse than menthol is in cigarettes. I think we should go back to prohibition of alcohol. How many government officials would support me on this? I would think maybe 0% because almost all or all of them drink. As for second hand smoke, if we count the people who die from second hand smoke opposed to drunk driving car crashes, my bet would be more from the car crashes. I refuse to call these car accidents because I believe if people are going to drink and drive they are not accidents, they are crashes waiting to happen. How about cell phones and driving? This is worse than smoking these days. There are so many other things government should be focusing on and not what cigarettes I choose to smoke. Get off my back about smoking and the cigarettes I choose to smoke.

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** George Vandenberg (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2011 1:20 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** menthol cigarettes

Please do not ban!!!!

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** lwhite@naatpn.org  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2011 10:42 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Cc:** William Robinson  
**Subject:** supporting menthol removal from cigarettes

**Attachments:** support menthol removal.pdf



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removal.pdf (2...

Hello,

Please see attached cards from people who support the removal of menthol from cigarettes.

Thank you,

Latia White-Boney, MHA  
Administrative Assistant  
National African American Tobacco Prevention Network  
400 W Main St, Ste 415  
Durham, NC 27701

(919)680-4000 (office)  
(919)680-4004(fax)  
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**From:** Brandy Didier [brandydidie (b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2011 9:08 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** hello

Hi,  
Im writing as part of the menthol flavored ciggs possibly being banned. Heres my question, why? So what if its worse that non menthol. Its my body, I pay almost \$6 a pack to kill myself, if I want to kill my lungs with menthol or non menthol its my business. To be honest the only good that might come out of their being no menthol ciggs is that me personally I wont smoke non menthol ciggs, Ill quit smoking before I smoke a nonmenthol cigg. I started smoking nonmenthol ciggs when I first started smoking, if I wanterd to smoke marlboros, I wouldn't have started smoking newports. Oh my gosh, when is enough enough? Freedom my <sup>in</sup> This country is so far from freedom it disgusts me. So heres my vote: <sub>acco</sub>

***Don't ban menthol ciggs!!***

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

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Karla (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2011 8:15 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** dont take away my menthol

This is my choice not yours to make.....

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Barbara Shafer [bshafer@kovitzinvestment.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2011 1:19 PM  
**To:** TPSAC

I would be happy if people would stop trying to legislate my lifestyle. I understand that smoking is harmful but I am a consenting adult and would like people to mind their own business. It is not the government's business to tell me how to live my life – smoking is still legal – although I'm sure a lot of people would like to see that change. PLEASE MIND YOU OWN BUSINESS ON THIS – IT IS NOT YOUR JOB TO MAKE MY DECISIONS FOR ME. Also, I understand that there is compelling evidence that menthol cigarettes are no more harmful than non-menthol cigarettes.

Why don't you people make yourselves useful and turn your attention to regulating prescription drugs. Specifically the phone pharmaceuticals that seem to be making their way into the mainstream, approving drugs that can really help people and outlawing unregulated drugs sold through health stores.

**Barb Shafer**

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**From:** Cakes Galore and More (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2011 12:07 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** DONT BAN MENTHOL CIGARETTES

HELLO,

BANNING ANY KIND OF CIGARETTE IS A BAN ON HUMAN CHOICE. WE HAVE BEEN BANNED FROM SMOKING IN PUBLIC AND SHAMED EVERYWHERE ELSE.

WE AS HUMANS, AMERICANS HAVE THESE RIGHTS TO MAKE A CHOICE.

WE KNOW WHAT WE ARE DOING TO OUR BODIES, HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD BAN ALCOHOL BEFORE YOU START WITH CIGARETTES.

ALCOHOL AND OTHER SUBSTANCES CAUSE MANY, MANY MORE PROBLEMS THAN MENTHOL CIGARETTES

WE HAVE THE RIGHT AS GROWN ADULTS TO CHOOSE WHAT WE WANT TO PUT INTO OUR BODIES, YOU ARE JUST GOING TO CAUSE A SITUATION WHERE

MENTHOL CIGARETTES BECOME ILLEGAL AND THEN ON THE BLACK MARKET! WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO FOR YOUR PRECIOUS TAX DOLLARS THEN!

SINCERELY,

ROZALYN MEYER

(b) (6)

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Kelly Schultz (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2011 9:50 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** MENTHOL CIGARETTES

Dear Ms. Cohen,

Please be advised that I am a Menthol cigarette smoker and wish that the government/FDA would please respect my right to make my personal choice to use any legal product. I do not want menthol cigarettes banned as that this is what as an adult I choose to smoke. I have read compelling scientific arguments that this simply gives the adult smoker a taste choice, and hope that the FDA respects the tax paying adults and makes the recommendation to allow us the legal right to make our choice.

Regards,  
Kelly Schultz

(b) (6)

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2011 1:59 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Right To Smoke Menthol Cigarettes

To The FDA I don't want the United States FDA to tell me I will not be allowed to smoke MENTHOL CIGARETTES. The Cigarettes Company's are making a legal product and need to continue to make the products their customers want to purchase and smoke. Stop the study on the effects of Menthol Cigarettes. Don't BAN Menthol Cigarettes and allow the American People decide how they want to live their lives without the Federal Government telling us how to live our lives as long as we are not breaking any laws and not hurting anyone else. Stay out of our lives. Donald Frey

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 13, 2011 11:32 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Menthol ciggs

People smoke ciggetates menthol & non....always will but we (smokers) should be ble to choose what we like. It's unfair and unmoral to have someones like your company what is the right and wrong ciggerate to smoke.

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** Luke [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 13, 2011 1:51 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Methol should STAY!

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.

Luke M. Heatherman

[REDACTED] (b) (6)

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**From:** Karen Eierman [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 13, 2011 3:20 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Menthol

Do not put a ban on menthol

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** luisa lagombra [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 13, 2011 12:42 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Ban on menthol cigarettes

People have the right to smoke any kind of cigarettes they wish there not going 2 quit just because u ban them all your doing is making people sell and buy them illegal which then all its going to do is give police officers more work to do and have them waste time and money on something foolish like illegal cigarette sale when there's bigger crimes for them to work on.

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**From:** sara hall [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 12, 2011 2:42 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Oppininion

Do not ban menthol I love them and everyone I know love them it isnt rite...wether its menthol or not smokin is bad so what does it really matter.

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** Matthew Briggs [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2011 10:45 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Don't Ban Menthol Cigarettes

Whether a cigarette is menthol or plain they are still a cigarette. Menthol is not harmful, and it alland ows those of us who are legal adults to smoke with the taste we prefer. Banning menthol, would just increase the number of contraband cigarettes, and make criminals out of otherwise law-abiding citizens. The citizens who pay taxes, and vote for goverment officials. The same citizens who through their smoking help to fund health programs, health research, programs for children, and help maintain the economy of this nation.

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Matt Briggs

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** Michael Thomas [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2011 3:15 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Concerns about a possible ban on menthol cigarettes

**In 2009, a new federal law — the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act — set in motion a science-based process to evaluate any health effects of menthol cigarettes. One provision of the law mandates that the Tobacco Products Scientific Advisory Committee (TPSAC) submit a report and recommendation on the use of menthol in cigarettes to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).**

Lorillard believes that the scientific evidence does not show that menthol in cigarettes is harmful, and that Americans have a right to make a personal choice to use any legal product. Some, however, advocate banning menthol cigarettes. If menthol is banned, about 30 percent of all cigarettes would become illegal. Prohibition of menthol cigarettes would lead to the illegal sale of more dangerous cigarettes through an unprecedented underground market.

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.

Say "No" to prohibition of cigarettes.

[REDACTED] (b) (6)

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Jay Beezy [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2011 2:08 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** No Menthol Ban!!!

I only smoke Newports, you have taken enough of our Smokers Rights.

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Clevette [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2011 9:07 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Do not take away menthol

Please, do not take menthol away. Most of us smoke menthol

Thanks

Charlotte Levette

[REDACTED] (b) (6)

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** RL Andrews [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2011 2:46 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Banning Menthol Cigarettes

Banning menthol cigarettes is discrimination. That's no different than being a racist. Where does another human get to decide for myself and others that we have to settle for non menthol cigarettes? That is my choice and the choice of others! Whatever happened to the freedom of making our own choices? I don't go into your house and tell you what brand of toilet paper to buy so why should you decide for me menthol or not? And I'm sure not only speaking for myself.

Thank you for your time.

A Faithful Menthol Smoker!

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Antoine Thompson [antoinethompson [REDACTED] (b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2011 1:18 PM  
**To:** TPSAC

I am wondering if this is still America. You know, 'The land of the free, home of the brave'. Are we no longer 'free' to make our own choices? (No matter how asinine they may be). And are you brave enough to let us?

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** Scott Towler [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2011 1:11 PM  
**To:** TPSAC

I think you have harmed my life enough by doing these things. I like menthol and it is used in many medical and food products but you are only picking on smoking. Can we say agenda

From: SCOTT TOWLER  
Via mobile mail

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** Pat And Jess [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2011 11:30 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Menthol cigarettes

Quit messing with the tobacco companies we smokers know that smoking is bad for us but so are alot of things that you all just don't care about and you just want an extra income for the government or great country was founded on tobacco so let us keep smoking if we want and quit taxing us to death if smoking doesn't kill us you all will

Sent from my iPhone

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** P W [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2011 8:15 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Menthol Cigarettes

Dear Committee Members, We ask that you keep the following things in mind as you meet this week to discuss consumer use of Menthol Cigarettes. We, ourselves, are not smokers and have never been.

1. Americans at this time distrust our government more than ever and to be making a decision such as this when there is a clear conflict of interest only reinforces that distrust.
2. Consumers must be allowed to make personal decisions about what "legal" products they wish to purchase and not have government interference.
3. If the committee does this, they are setting a distressing precedent for any product that might come under review by an advisory committee or government agency.

Thank you,

Jeffrey and Pamela Welsh

(b) (6)

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** KEVIN CLARK (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2011 1:16 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Say no to the BAN!!!

To whom it may concern,

First and foremost thank you for reading this letter and please feel free to contact me at  
(b) (6)

I know that people say smoking is bad and can kill you... But what went these days? Newport is the only kind of cigarette I like, the only one I buy.

Its easy for someone to say don't do it if they have never done it. Or to say stop not knowing the trouble it is to stop. It is freedom to buy and smoke whatever you want. People don't try to ban alcohol anymore but people still drive drunk and kill people everyday. Once again thank you for your time and please let people decide on their own what to smoke even if it does kill me...

Thanks,  
Kevin Clark  
(b) (6)

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** Annette Whitworth (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 02, 2011 6:53 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Cc:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Menthol cigarettes...

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been a Newport smoker for over 20 years. No matter what your finding show, it would be wrong to ban menthol cigarettes and not ban any others. Smoking menthol cigarettes is a preference of many smokers and I don't really think it could be worse on the body or soul than smoking anything else. Any grown person should be able to make their own choices about what they want to do, and especially when it comes to ingesting things into their own bodies.

Once upon a time, it seemed that nothing could hurt you. These days if it isn't the water, it's the air. If not the air, then the pesticides used on fruits and vegetables. If not the pesticides, it's the hormones

used on animals that we eat the flesh from, if not this or that...then it's always going to be something else. I say, "Just let us LIVE until we DIE. Everybody's going to do it anyway! Researchers, scientists and the government should not try to control it.

Annette Whitworth

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**Knoblach, John**

**From:** brandon coston [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2011 8:05 PM  
**To:** TPSAC

Yo yall leave newports alone and make them cheaper please?

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Sent from AT&T's Wireless network using Yahoo! Mail

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**Knoblach, John**

**From:** [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2011 4:43 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Menthol

I think you should back down and concentrate on the illegal drugs. Some choices for Americans on menthol or regular should be up to them.  
Spend tax dollars on getting illegal drugs off the streets.

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**Knoblach, John**

**From:** Kim Jackson [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2011 11:30 AM  
**To:** TPSAC; TPSAC  
**Subject:** Banning of Menthol Cigarettes

To Whom It May Concern:

Apparently, this is late because it said I needed to respond by March 3rd. I cannot believe the federal government is trying to ban menthol cigarettes. Who are you to tell us what we can and cannot smoke. Are you serious? Are we a communist country? I highly oppose anyone telling me what to smoke. It is bad enough we are taxed to death on cigarettes. Use some of this research \$\$ for something useful, like find some jobs for people, bring back manufacturing to our country!!!

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** Denise Mcmath [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2011 8:11 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** saving menthol cigarettes

as a consumer, and tax payer, i denise mcmath would very much not like to see menthol cigarettes taken off the store shelves. however, no matter how unhealthy smoking is. what about the jobs of people that this action would affect ? Isn't our economy in enough trouble !

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** Sherry Frase [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2011 2:58 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Menthol

[Let it be my choice!](#)

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** Kathleen "Spud" [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2011 1:09 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Menthol Cigarettes

Caryn Cohen, M.S. and other FDA Jerks:

Kiss my <sup>in</sup> ~~ass~~ Why don't we just take the United States Constitution and burn it! The FDA makes me sick ... passing so called prescription drugs that DO cause such evil side effects, (just so the patient HAS to take more drugs to correct the damage the first drug caused!) and our water is toxin and so is the very air we breath! Our foods (meat) is pumped with dangerous hormones and our vegetables are sprayed with cancer causing chemicals! And yet you boobs want to stop menthol cigarettes from being made!!? I pray to God Almighty every day that the earth opens up and swallows Washington DC with all politicians, FDA, etc.! And Wall Street greedy pigs too! **BURN IN HELL!**

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

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2011 11:56 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Menthol Cigarettes

Are you people crazy, we live in the USA. How dare some bigwig try to take my mentol cigareetes out of the free world.

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** Laura Gliniecki (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2011 9:34 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** menthol cigarettes

I feel it's my discussion as to what I put in my body! Not the government! And please do not email me because I relly don't care to hear from you.

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** Terri Borchardt (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2011 3:24 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Banning Menthol Cigarettes

**If there is no proof that menthol cigarettes have any different risks than menthol then it makes no sense for you to ban them. People that smoke are entitled to smoke whatever kind of cigarettes they choose. They are fully aware that there are health risks involved with smoking and therefore should be able to choose their cigarettes - menthol or non. Why is it that over the last several years there has been such an "attack" on cigarettes but other more serious issues are being ignored? What about all the chemicals, growth hormones and foreign <sup>In</sup> that is added to our food? Why is it not being looked into more carefully? Alot of that stuff <sup>accor</sup> is more dangerous than cigarettes have ever been and it affects more people than cigarettes do. It affects ALL people including our children and ALL races. Why does the focus remain on tobacco? I seriously think there are more important issues at hand here! It's time to leave the smokers alone for a little while and move on. This is getting really ridiculous!**

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

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** Toby Laek (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2011 1:01 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** 2who it my concern

Hi I'm Val I've been a Newport soft pack smoker for 45 years..Yes 45 years. I have ne ed another cigarette unless i ran out ..I live in the state of (b) (6).The government has already taken my right to smoke where I li hen I like..I keep wondering where has my freedom gone.Now you want to tell me what kind of cigarette I can smoke.Or should I say what you want me to smoke..I think the government should stay out of it ..It's a personal choice and the last I heard this was still America land of the free...I think.or are we??Now they want to take the menthol out. .This is just ridicules.Someone do something .Help. Would the government have taken the peace pipe away from the Indians..I don't think they ever thought about it.So leave us older generation alone us baby boomers and let us smoke our menthol cigarettes. Thank You..

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** Ronald Lowe (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2011 12:14 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** MY RIGHT !!!!!

Americans have a right to make a personal choice to use any legal product.

**The science is clear and compelling. 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. Maybe you should try and ban Alcoholic BEER.....then see what happens!!!**

**Stop trying to legislate your own elitist Morality.You put your pants(and/or dresses) on the same as the rest of us. Oh by the way,how about banning some of these "prescription" drugs,that have such deadly side effects.....oh yeah, that would be taking money out of your pockets and purses.....don't want the drug companies mad at you and stop throwing all that money at you..... One more thing..how about cracking down on the people who sell us Food contaminated with salmonella,and GOD knows what else(THAT'S THE FOOD PART!!!!!! Food and DRUG Administration,Get It ???**

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Karen Bennett (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 07, 2011 10:30 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Menthol Cigarettes .....

To whom it may concern,

**Putting a ban on menthol cigarettes is a very big joke. If you think it's going to stop kids from smoking the the FDA is a very big joke too. Even raising the prices on cigarettes is a big joke! If a kid wants to smoke it won't matter what the government does or what the government thinks will work. I'm a good example for that. I'm now 43 years old. But when I was a teenager and even younger if I wanted a cigarette I always found a way to get one. So if kids are going to smoke they will smoke it doesn't matter if it is menthol or non-menthol or even marajauna. putting a ban, and or raising prices on cigarettes will not put an end on kids smoking. the harder the FDA and government try to stop kids from smoking, actually pushes them even harder to smoke. think about it! when kids are told not to do something, makes them want to do it even more then before they were told not to do it. we have all heard it from our parents (DON'T DO THAT!) and we did it anyways. every human being has been through it with there parents. so by you wanting to put a ban on menthol cigarettes you are taking away the american freedom choice from every adult person. one of my american citizen choices is my own choice. and MY CHOICE IS TO SMOKE MENTHOL CIGARETTES! No matter of the end resault I get from smoking menthol cigarettes is my concern not the FDA'S and not the GOVERNMENT'S. I Vote No on the Menthol Ban!**

**Karen Bennett.**

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** Daniel Evert (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 07, 2011 9:58 PM  
**To:** TPSAC

I am writing this response in reference to newport menthol. I feel that they should not be banned and it should be left up to an adult of legal age if they choose to smoke or not .So please don't ban menthol cigarettes

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 07, 2011 7:40 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** menthol

I am writing to tell you about banning menthol cigarettes. I have had a part time job in a beer drive thru for 15 years. I do not smoke. I sell a lot of Newport and Marlboro Menthol cigarettes. Lately, I've been keeping track of how many menthol and non menthol I sell. It's about 50/50. I've asked most of my regular Newport smokers how old they were when they started smoking. One said 12 and some said every age up to 16. These were not young people I asked, all were over 30.

I am positive that if menthol cigarettes were taken off the shelf, most of menthol smokers would quit smoking. Fewer smokers would make fewer kids smoke resulting in lower health costs and insurance bills.

My brother died of skin cancer which started in his mouth and may have been caused by his smoking. He passed away 5 years ago.

I am a retired scho (b) (6) ghts per week at Fast & Friendly on (b) (6) for 15 years.

BAN MENTHOL CIGERETTS AND ALL FLAVORED CIGARS AND WRAPS AND MANY KIDS WILL STOP BUYING THEM. GRAPE CIGERELLO'S ARE REALLY POPULAR.

Doug Snyder

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mail2web LIVE - Free email based on Microsoft® Exchange technology -  
<http://link.mail2web.com/LIVE>

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** Rae Washington [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 07, 2011 7:16 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Americans have the right to choose

To Whom It May Concern:

How can you say you are an American when you want to take away a right this country is based on? If I decide I want to smoke a menthol cigarette, that is my choice. Jus like prohibition in the 20s, Americans will find ways around it so the best opt is to keep the choice of smoking menthol or non menthol up to your fellow Americans. [REDACTED] In, I have made a choice to serve this country in an attempt to keep our hard earned accords and I would hope you dont take that option from me or anyone else. Thank you.

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

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** Thug Angel [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 07, 2011 7:10 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** NEWPORTS SMOKERS

Please dont stop newport cigarettes I love newport I've been smoking for 3 years and this is the only brend I really do love so please don't stop selling them.

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** Debbie Ohara [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 07, 2011 6:00 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Menthol Cigereets

Its My choice

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** tom case [tomcase (b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 07, 2011 4:12 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Menthol ciggs

I have a right to smoke and I want mentol ciggs. They are legal.

Thanks!

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** Elizabeth A. Chandler (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 07, 2011 3:49 PM  
**To:** TPSAC

I think its really stupid to try to tell people what cigarettes are "healthier" to smoke. As long as the smoker knows the health risks they are facing, do not choose their cigarette too. how about taking the carpet glue out of the cigarettes that you just used as a fire retardant becuae that is what really helps me want to not smoke. ure nasty carpet glue and moth balls. leave the cigarettes alone. smokers know they are not healthy, but what can we have to keep our nerves calm? why dont you make suboxine affordable for addicts so they can actually afford to quit drugs.

thanks,

liz

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** Barbara (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 07, 2011 3:07 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Menthol v non Menthol

It is of my opinion and statistics show that there is no greater health risk between the uses of menthol versus non-menthol cigarettes. I am against any sanction that regulates and, or prohibits the use of menthol cigarettes.

Barbara Burns

(b) (6)

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** LATOYA KEY [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 07, 2011 2:45 PM  
**To:** TPSAC

PLAEASE DON'T BAN MENTHOL CIGARETTES, IT SHOULD BE OUR CHOICE TO SMOKE THEM & SPEND OUR MONEY FOR THEM!

**LATOYA KEY**

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** orlando swinton [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 07, 2011 1:40 PM  
**To:** TPSAC

its our choice to smoke, and if we chose menthol than that is also OUR CHOICE. what gives you the right to decided what i can and cant do with my body. restricting or banning of this product is just another sign that this isn't a democracy for the people, but instead a dictatorship style government that hides itself behind the guise of democracy that was first formed with the intent that it allows US THE PEOPLE TO MAKE THOSE DECISIONS.

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Tina Putchel [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 07, 2011 1:16 PM  
**To:** TPSAC

I'm responding to an email that there might be a ban on menthol cigarettes. So I'm sending my opinion which is that cigarettes are bad for you whether they are menthol or not. I don't understand why the FDA is even wasting its time on such a thing. Cigarettes are bad for you whether they are menthol or not so what I see is a government agency wasting time and money on something that really doesn't make sense. I'm going to repeat myself - CIGARETTES ARE BAD FOR YOU IF THEY ARE MENTHOL OR NOT!! I'm not even a smoker but I used to and maybe you should use your time and money for something more worthwhile then trying to ban one kind of cigarette over another. Thats like banning dark liquor because it makes you more drunk then clear or light color liquor. Why don't you spend your time and money to do something that actually helps people - like controlling the costs of medications so that people can afford them instead of making more profits for yourselves and the drug manufacturers. Health care should be about helping people - profits and business shouldn't be associated with it. But I digress- if people want to smoke menthol cigarettes thats their business. Its bad enough that smokers are banned everywhere so what do you care whether they are smoking a menthol or non-menthol? Do America a favor and work on something thats worth taxpayers money!!!

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Ronald Stoute [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 07, 2011 12:47 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Please Save Newports!

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a faithful Newport Cigarette smoker. I have heard that they are going to try to stop the production of them. Please do not do this because I can only smoke Newport Cigarettes. All of my friends/associates all smoke them also. Alot of damage will be done in our worlds I can say for them and I. Please SAVE Newport.

Thank You

Sincerely,  
Ronald Stoute Jr.

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** C Chipman [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 07, 2011 11:12 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** banning another right to choose

WE'RE SICK OF CHOICES BEING MANDATED FOR US ! WHAT,S HAPPENED TO OUR FREEDOM OF CHOICE ?

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Barbara Ford [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 07, 2011 10:08 AM  
**To:** TPSAC

Dear Sirs/Madams,

There is no doubt that cigarettes are harmful for you although I still smoke. The decision to ban methol cigarettes is ludicrous. Methol cigarettes are just as bad as non menthol cigarettes. To band one and not the other is insane.

As a Newport menthol smoker I believe that menthol cigarettes should not be banned. Either ban all cigarettes or none.

Sincerely,

Barbara Ford

[REDACTED] (b) (6)

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## Knoblach, John

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**From:** mildred (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 07, 2011 10:06 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** I want my menethol cigarettes

Please let me smoke my Newport. Mildred Villafane (b) (6)

Thanks.

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** Maureen Feicht (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 07, 2011 10:02 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** MENTHOL

**Attachments:** --static--catnmouse2\_tc.gif

Please do not discontinue Newport menthol. It is the only cigarette that my boyfriend smokes!

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** Robin Gaskin (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 07, 2011 10:00 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** smokers have rights to.

What happened to this being a free country !!!!!!! The government now tells us what to buy what not to buy , There is no free speech there is now freedom at all. Freedom of choice is gone , Yes we no that you decided that smoking is bad well so is breathing,smog but you let the factories keep on polluting the air the water is bad. menthol cigarettes are in no way worse then non menthol. I think is country better take a good look at what is government is spending all our tax dollars on if it just dumb studies like this just how much did it pay for another waste full study to a group in somebody 's state as a pet project.What did this so called study cost..... Free country just what rights's do we have left .Stop spending and giving away this so called free country Japan , China, India,Pakistan, ect. that's where you sent all the job's, by taxing business to death, now you no longer receive any tax from them if you would have given them a tax break like you do for all of the oil company's maybe those job's would still be here not out sourced to other country's.What happened to BY THE PEOPLE FOR THE PEOPLE FREEDOM OF CHOICE.



**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** victoria cavataio (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 06, 2011 8:04 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** menthol cig

I want to add my opinion in about menthol cigs like it is stated that stopping menthol cigarettes isnt going to stop anyone from smoking teenagers can easily get non menthol and yes the black market will take over and then what the government well be upset because they will be loosing out on a lot of money they wont get the tax money that is now being taking off for the menthol cigarettes. I smoke menthol cigs and it will be wrong for you cut them out thank you victoria cavataio

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Linda Frederick (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 06, 2011 7:25 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** KEEP MENTHOL

I VOTE TO KEEP MENTHOL CIGARETTES. I ENJOY SMOKING NEWPORT"S, I BUY THEM ON MY OWN FREE WILL. THERE IS A LOT OF OTHER THINGS THAT YOU CAN BE DOING NOW FOR INSTEAD MAKE A LAW STOPPING PEOPLE FROM NOT HIRING THE UNEMPLOYED. IF YOU ARE UNEMPLOYED THAN YOU NEED A JOB. IF COMPANY SAID THEY ARE NOT GOING TO HIRE YOU BECAUSE YOU ARE UNEMPLOYED . GUESS WHAT ? UNEMPLOYMENT RATE WILL NEVER GO DOWN. BY BANNING MENTHOL CIGARETTES I YOU THOUGHT ABOUT HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL BECAME UNEMPLOYED AND NOT ABLE TO FIND A JOB. LET US KEEP OUR MENTHOL AND KEEP THOSE PEOPLE WORKING. BESIDE THIS IS MADE IN THE U.S.A. THANK YOU

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Judith Wolfe (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 06, 2011 6:32 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Ban on Menthol Cigarettes

I am writing to express my concern regarding the possible ban on menthol cigarettes. Until research shows that there is clear evidence that smoking menthol cigarettes is a greater health risk than regular cigarettes, I encourage you to not ban menthol cigarettes.

Thank you,  
Judith Wolfe

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** chris taylor [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 06, 2011 5:47 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** ban on menthol cigs.

hello there, my name is lynda taves and i am sending you this email voicing my opinion about the ban on menthol cigs.. i am an smoker, of menthol flavored cigs. Americans have a right to make a personal choice to use any legal product. thank you, lynda taves

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** rachel tarascio [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 06, 2011 5:02 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Fw:

Your also wasting valuable time & money ... your not gonna change anything by this study except stopping menthol cigarettes ... the consumer will still buy them so if your going to do anything worth wasting your time on stop cigarette sales all together OR spend your "study" money on why half your "other" products have side effects that kill people also. But there ok ... RIGHT ...

--- On **Sun, 3/6/11**, rachel tarascio [REDACTED] (b) (6) wrote:

From: rachel tarascio [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
Subject:  
To: tpsac@fda.hhs.gov  
Date: Sunday, March 6, 2011, 4:55 PM

this is ridiculous that i will have an option (not based on my own opinion) to change the type of cigarettes i choose to smoke. i understand the concern but regulating peoples personal choices is obsurd. a study on menthol cigarettes will not stop me from smoking but rather "force" me to changed my brand or type. i think there are millions of other things in this world the FDA should be concerned with and controlling peoples choices should not be one of them. its annoying to continue to hear these concerns from companies that have no clue who i am or the millions of others they seem to "care" about. When it comes to money they dont really care about the people which obviously means there is something greater behind the scenes. i think they should leave us all alone (along with the cigarette companies) and if i choose to jump off a bridge, rob a bank, or smoke 35 cartons of MENTHOL cigarettes ITS MY CHOICE! dont make it for me! There are so many other things to be concerned with ... Thank You

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Patti [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 06, 2011 4:57 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Menthol cigarettes

Why don 't you mind your own business and stop trying to regulate types of cigarettes. We do know our minds and the problems with smoking, menthols are just another taste. Those who smoke now will smoke whatever and wherever possible. You cannot change the minds of these people.

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** rachel tarascio [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 06, 2011 4:56 PM  
**To:** TPSAC

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**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Eric Williams [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 06, 2011 12:55 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Menthol Cigarette Ban

I am writing in reference to your possible ban or limitations regarding menthol cigarettes. It is yet one more example of government trying to regulate my individual choices and rights as a U.S. citizen. I should have the choice of menthol or non menthol cigarettes, or gum, or candy, or whatever it may be. Yes, I know comparing the risks of smoking to gum and candy may be a stretch but I know the risk, and don't need government to tell me, or limit me. Base your decisions on scientific evidence please, not the bias and stigma already attached to smoking and smokers, as a whole. We are already treated as second class citizens. We don't need additional legislation to increase this existence. Thank you for your sound judgment and adhering to only the facts. Also, thank you for preserving my FREEDOM OF CHOICE!!!

Eric J. Williams  
[REDACTED] (b) (6)

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 06, 2011 11:11 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** (no subject)

I as a menthol smoker feel that I have the right to smoke what I want to smoke. And if I chose to smoke menthol ciggeretts that's my choice and nobody should be able to take that right away from me. I do not see the harm in menthol ciggeretts. They are the same as non-menthol just a smoother taste. As smokers we have the right to smoke what we want to. You guys are just trying to find another way to stop people from smoking. As smokers we know what we are doing to our bodies and that's our choice. I think you guys should just leave well enough alone.

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** Gwen Thorpe [gwen.thorpe.qmv3@statefarm.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 06, 2011 10:38 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Ban on Menthol Cigarettes

Please do not ban menthol cigarettes.

**A** State Farm Insurance

Gwen E. Thorpe - QMV3

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Winter Haven, Florida 33883

(863) 318-6009

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Charlotte Phillips [charlottephillips (b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 06, 2011 1:14 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Save Newport  
  
**Attachments:** image001.jpg

Come on people, Give us smokers a break!!!!

Thanks,

Charlotte Phillips

(b) (6)

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Donna Thomas (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 06, 2011 12:30 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Not finished  
  
**Attachments:** panda\_hello.gif

I can't get over this are people seriously going to stop making menthol cigarettes?????That's ridiculous that's like saying "sorry to all insulin Diabetics.....We have to stop making the good old hyperdermic needle because people are in fact using them to abuse drugs.....get the <sup>in</sup> outta here are they saying that one cigarette is safer than the other? None of them are safe so tell them for me no thanks I don't need any favors saving my life,if I'm gonna kill myself can I please go out smoking the way I want.....and by the way can you send me some Newport coupons before they stop making them?

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

Rhiannon M. Noth  
(b) (6)

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 06, 2011 12:26 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Menthol Cigarettes

Let me just start by saying you have absolutely no right to tell people what to do with their own bodies. These restrictive kinds of laws are completely unconstitutional. What are you going to do next? Decide that soda has too much sugar and ban that because of diabetes? I am all for the scientific testing and research necessary to understand the effects of substances on the body, but you should have no right to do anything but REPORT these findings to the public and allow them to make their personal choices as they see fit. This is an absolute disgusting display of tyranny.

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** Donna Thomas (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 06, 2011 12:23 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** I Don't want to quit smoking menthol cigarettes

**Attachments:** panda\_hello.gif

I am writing this comment in regards to the whole non-menthol story. I am 32 years old and I have smoked since I was 11 years old. I have tried to change to non-menthols and when I do I seem to smoke more. I am addicted to menthol cigarettes if and when I decide to quit I will, not because someone decides to stop making them. However if they were to stop making them I would just be harming myself more because then I would smoke two packs a day instead of one. In all fairness no cigarettes are good for people but if they are gonna stop making them then they need to stop making all of them. You and I both know that's not gonna happen so why would they do such a thing? This is crazy freedom of speech, America my <sup>in</sup> we are eventually all gonna be told how many times we can wipe our own <sup>in</sup> each day go figure!  
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Thank You for whatever,

(b) (6)

P.s. Should someone care to respond to my response:0 Imfao!

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** Marcus Gabb [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 05, 2011 7:10 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Ban of menthol.

The Land of the free is vastly becoming the land of limited life choices. Prohibition of menthol cigarettes will have the same effect that prohibition had on liquor. It will not be hard for the criminal elements in our country to turn a profit off of it. This situation is reminiscent of religious people trying to convert people to their way of life.

The choice to smoke any cigarette, menthol or non, is a personal choice and should be left that way. My body, my decision, not anyone else. Next they will want to ban other things that are personal choices. Please do not give in to insane notions that they can ban something that is not forced onto the masses. Their evidence also does not prove that menthol is more dangerous than non-menthol. They should be looking for cures instead of trying to strip us of more of our freedoms.

Please be fair in your ruling,  
Marcus Gabb

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** DAVID BINK [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 05, 2011 4:56 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] (b) (6)

i don't want menthol to be banned i don't smoke if its non-menthol. I think its against our rights as smokers to be put out all the time we can't smoke anywhere as it is now the type to give me a break

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Kenny Bass (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 05, 2011 3:43 PM  
**To:** TPSAC

The world is being killed by global warming and pollution, and you waste you time on a few smokers.

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** laura miller (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 05, 2011 2:06 PM  
**To:** TPSAC

Leave my cigarettes alone! I am an adult who chooses to smoke and to smoke menthol! I know all the risks, hazards etc. and I alone am the only one who has the right to make decisions for ME!!!!

laura miller

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 05, 2011 1:30 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Menthol

As a smoker I know what risks I am taking by doing so. I'm 25 years old and I believe I should be able to choose if I want to smoke menthol cigarettes or not. Please don't ban menthol.

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Ismaaeel Buckley (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 05, 2011 11:31 AM  
**To:** (b) (6); (b) (6) TPSAC; (b) (6)

To Whom it May Concern,

We would like you to act on our tainted drinking water that was just published in the NY times. The NY times has been working on this document for years obtaining secrete files from the EPA, and PA Dumps. Everyone trusts the NY Times as there the most honorable paper in the world.

[http://www.nytimes.com/2011/02/27/us/27gas.html?\\_r=1&pagewanted=1](http://www.nytimes.com/2011/02/27/us/27gas.html?_r=1&pagewanted=1)

How is it that the EPA ignores our water in PA and your office isn't screaming about it to congress? We spend billions on space exploration and we ignore something as simple as having clean water (not just for drinking but showering ect). We can be effected by showing in the water has radioactivity with high levels of toxicity. Have our waters tested to be sure we are ok! It must be done for our children and our future. It will be your legacy as the one whom fought this matter and protected PA citizens.

That is not tolerable to anyone. You should be just as agitated as we are are as you and your family aren't safe from the water, were all at risk.

Kindly advise as to what you will do with regard to addressing this matter. I thank you in advance for your anticipated action in dealing with this very urgent matter.

Respectfully,

Christopher Buckley Esq.

Radium half life [www.ead.anl.gov/pub/doc/Radium.pdf](http://www.ead.anl.gov/pub/doc/Radium.pdf)

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**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Dave Fettes (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 05, 2011 11:29 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** menthol band

Hello,

My name is Dave Fettes I've been hearing quite a bit about the study you have been doing on menthol cigarettes. I can understand your concern but cigarettes were decided to be legal years ago. People are aware of the affects of smoking and what they put in there body should be there own choice. So I oppose the ban on menthol cigarettes the choice should be the consumers and not the FDA

Thank You For Your Time

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** jscp (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 05, 2011 8:56 AM  
**To:** TPSAC

people have smoke since man has been here and all you people do is say how bad they are which may hold truth but isn't all things bad if it is over done such as eating too much and i don't see you make taxes go up on that also you people have never helped to make smoking safer such as put a expire date or a law on the drying and curing process very simple also find a better filter system to use. All man should be free to do what they please if it doesn't hurt others as a long day of being a slave for someone rich man should be able to rest their mind anyway they see fit if not than the fat man shouldn't be able top eat untill he is skinny and food should have no expire date or laws how the food be made and taxes should be the same as on smokes. Man will never stop smoking as it is a gift and you should feel shame that your trying to take that right from us instead make it safer. Send a email back as im sure you won't because all said is the truth

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**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** jack dean (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 05, 2011 8:40 AM  
**To:** TPSAC

Please leave Newport cigs as they are, it is my last little bit of sanity and relaxation in this insane world!!!

Thank you,

Jack Dean  
Your Viridian Power Associate  
viridian.com/jdean

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## Knoblach, John

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**From:** michelle spaulding [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 05, 2011 6:02 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** find something more important

Its funny kindof because everyone is so hiprocritical dont you think you have punished us enough with the pettyness of this whole situation and its funny because no matter what and know how much money you waist or saying your going to save us there is always a way and always will be there are more important things to do like ban caffeine because it rots your teeth or your heart beats to fast thats a joke sounds stupid huh well my point exactly. This whole situation is getting old. KEEP MENTHOL GEEEZ .

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** DARLENE E BURNETT [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 05, 2011 6:00 AM  
**To:** TPSAC

america is suppose to be free, to be able to decide for yourselves. the gov't is taking on too much. when it tells people what they can not eat like fats and now cigarettes

leave people alone.

worry about social security  
worry about the aging population  
worry about growing gap between the I have and I do not have

worry about wisconsin  
worry about libya  
worry that there are not goods made in america any more

leave cigarettes along, those of us who smoke know what the warning label reads.

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** c rubio (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 05, 2011 3:39 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** menthol cigarettes

To Whom It May Concern:  
Please do not ban menthol cigarettes. Thank you

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Dioselina Rivera (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2011 11:23 PM  
**To:** TPSAC

i disagree on ur taughts of menthol cigs they are the same. And i am against banning menthol cigs.

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Mary Powers (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2011 10:08 PM  
**To:** TPSAC

DO NOT BAN MENTHOL CIGARETTES!!

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2011 9:20 PM  
**To:** TPSAC

I want to keep menthol cigarettes.

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** chantal heagy (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2011 9:16 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Do Not Ban Menthol Cigarettes

To Whom it may Concern,

I am a college student in (b) (6), and I have done my own research on cigarettes because I smoke menthol cigarettes, Newport, the only kind of cigarettes I smoke. In my chemistry class, I tested between two cigarettes, a non-menthol and menthol. I tested for the ingredients in each cigarette and what kind of toxins were in both. Then I researched what the ingredients of each cigarette will do to your health. Both cigarettes were equal in the number of toxins and how the ingredients affect the body. It is false to say that menthol crystallizes your lungs and makes it harder to breath, because smoking a menthol cigarette is just like brushing your teeth with mint toothpaste. The menthol is a flavor, and the smoke that is inhaled in the body no matter what kind of cigarette it is, it is going to affect the body the same way. I know for a fact cigarettes are bad for a person's health, but to ban cigarettes that are menthol will not only decrease sales and greatly change income and salary wages, taxes and sales for all business but also you will be creating a fine line between racism because your labeling one kind of cigarettes, mostly also bought by the African American community. I think you should not ban cigarettes at all, no matter if they are menthol or not, because people have known the causes of smoking and still have smoked cigarettes, which have not changed much since the first time they started selling.

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**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2011 7:22 PM  
**To:** TPSAC

Please remove all individuals with a conflict of interest from scientific panels. The public is suffering from the bias opinions of such individuals.  
Margaret A. Ashton

(b) (6)

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Laura Newsome,Hampton [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2011 5:52 PM  
**To:** TPSAC

please keep newport menthols

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Samantha Pinney [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2011 5:26 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** SAVE THE NEWPORTS!?!?! plz? ):

dear government/obama,

please don't take our newports.. as many irresponsible smokers there are twice as many RESPONSIBLE! of age! smokers! don't let one person ruin it for everyone for once..

thank you! much love <3<3

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** elizabeth hastings [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2011 4:10 PM  
**To:** TPSAC

menthol cigarretes are no are no ,ore harmful than non menthol they are bad for you

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Dale Fenstermaker [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2011 3:48 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** menthol

dear sir im writing to you to give my opinion on menthol tobacco. i feel it is no more addicting then non menthol. this matter should be left up to an individual, whether or not they wish to smoke. the government should not get in involved in these matters. thank you for your time. dale Fenstermaker non menthol smoker.

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** lakisha henderson [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2011 3:31 PM  
**To:** TPSAC

Please leave the newports alone!!!!!! Thank you very much!!!!!!

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** Gregory Creel [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2011 3:14 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Hey my name is Gregory Creel

I hate my cigarette habit but I'm addicted to menthol cigarettes. I am all for removing menthol from the markets I used to smoke non menthol and then I switched its has really been hard knowing that I'm smoking fiberglass, benzene and formaldehyde, and if menthol is gone it would be much easier to stop because I can't smoke non menthol, I just can't. it's like trying to eat dirt or something that your taste buds doesn't like, please take them of the market, please help us stop killing ourselves," please". God cleanse me from this cigarette addiction I am so depressed about this and I am doing everything I can to stop, this would help so much. Sincerely Gregory Howard Creel .

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** Macabrephantasma [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2011 2:59 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** AGAINST BAN

You people are [REDACTED] In, and you just won't stop until you take away all of the options that we do still have.  
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Menthol cigarettes are just as bad as all the other toxins that you pump into the air. People have the right to smoke too, but you're just going to keep infringing on our freedom ie: city ordinances banning smoking outside.

All the [REDACTED] In you put in our "food" is much more detrimental to socities health than menthols cigarettes. You should fix things instead of just taking more and more of smoker's rights away. Why don't you [REDACTED] In start there, you pieces of  
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I wish you a slow and painful death and a life of unhappiness until that happens.

In accordance  
with 21 CFR

Sincerely,

Sabrina Miyashiro

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## Knoblach, John

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**From:** Valdes, Rosa [Rosa.Valdes@Staples.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2011 2:51 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** menthol cigarettes

Please leave them alone. I have been a smoker since the age of 14, unfortunately back then there was no real warnings. Now being 40, I continue to smoke regardless of the consequences and I have no desire to stop. If I am going to die I want to die the way I choose, not because you say so.

Thank you,

Rosa Valdes

## STAPLES

FCM Admin

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## Knoblach, John

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**From:** Sarah [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2011 2:48 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Please DO NOT BAN MENTHOL!!

It is not fair to ban menthol cigarettes but allow all others!  
I know all cigarettes are bad for us but this is unfair!  
Cigarettes are legal and it is my choice what brand I smoke!!

Prohibition of menthol cigarettes would lead to the illegal sale of more dangerous cigarettes through an unprecedented underground market!!

**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.**

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** ozzy [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2011 2:01 PM  
**To:** TPSAC

if i choose to smoke i should be able to have what ever kind or brand i choose leave newport alone there way worse ones out there thank you for reading this

ozzyhugs [REDACTED] (b) (6)

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** ROSALIND BOBO [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2011 1:36 PM  
**To:** TPSAC

Please leave well enough alone, Just when a person finds a smooth cig that they enjoy and don't smoke much of because of the good taste. Some one always take it away .Leave the menthol alone it's our health and money not yours

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Allen, Linda [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2011 12:21 PM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** IMPORTANT

Smoking cigarette is legal. The government should not step in and say that a person can or can't smoke menthol. This is ridiculous and just another way they are trying to step in to control the public.

STOP IT!

*Linda Allen*

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## **Knoblach, John**

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**From:** meka george [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2011 11:17 AM  
**To:** TPSAC

To whom it may concern,

I think would should have a choice what type of cigarette we want to smoke and if we are working class and are paying for them, then you should just let the consumer decide what brand they want and what company the buy from..

## **Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Roxie Boyd [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2011 11:03 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** menthol cigarettes

Hello, My name is Roxanne Boyd and i have been loyally smoking menthol cigarettes since the age of eighteen; i am now twenty-two. Four years smoking the same thing and your trying to ban them. Are you not thinking about the people who do not prefer full flavors, lights, ultra lights etc. What kind of a place are we going to be in if you ban Menthols. Sir/Madam, i work in a convenience store. And if you could only see how many packs of Menthol cigarettes go out our doors each day. I highly think you would change your mind. All cigarettes are dangerous, we know this. We see it Everytime we go to light one up. But to say that one is more dangerous than the other, that is simply ludicrous. They are all equally dangerous. You can stress it all you want about the dangers but when it comes to people starting up or quitting, that's all on them it has NOTHING to do with you. Have a good day.

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** BARBARA WILT [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2011 10:53 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** save menthol cigarettes

I am writing to show my support to not ban menthol cigarettes. I believe they are no more harmful than no menthol cigarettes. I have not seen any actual statistics to show this evidence. If you would like to ban anything maybe ban the fruit flavored cigarettes that are enticing young people to smoke.

Thank You,  
Barb Wilt

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** Kristin white [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2011 10:51 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** save menthols

I am a smoker of Newports. I know cigarettes are bad for your health. But, we have a right to smoke what we want. I don't like any other cigarette but Newports. Please, don't get rid of them.

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** sharon [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2011 10:51 AM  
**To:** TPSAC

My opinion is no matter what cigs u choose they r not good for u, but as humans we have the choice not to smoke, just like someone who knows alcohol is not good for u and so many other things. Taking away menthol cigs is a form of control freedom to choose that is not what america is all about,!!!!!!!!!!!!!! we fought for our freedom, and now the government wants to take away our choices. why don't u stop trying to tell people what to do!!!!!!!!!!!!!! they will just turn to something else, that is worse than cigs!!!!!! sharon

## Knoblach, John

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**From:** Dawn Pedersen (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2011 9:50 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Banning menthol cigarets

**Importance:** High

**Attachments:** image001.jpg

It is a person's choice whether they want to smoke or not, it is not illegal last time I checked. When is the government going to let us make our own decisions on what is best for us? Would you all also like to come regulate which brand of diapers I buy for my baby, or how about when I can leave my home? People are going to smoke, people know the risks, people should be able to choose which form of death they would like menthol or not. Personally if menthol is banned, I will still smoke, just non menthol then. I choose to smoke even though I know it will hurt me, that's my choice not a government agency who doesn't even know me. No wonder this country is going to <sup>In</sup> <sub>accor</sub>

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## Knoblach, John

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2011 7:38 AM  
**To:** (b) (6); TPSAC; (b) (6); (b) (6)

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## Knoblach, John

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**From:** Jessica Lembrick (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2011 7:20 AM  
**To:** TPSAC

I am a Newport menthol smoker and I refuse to try anyother Cigarette. I also dont feel like its fair to stop selling menthol cigarettes if you are going to continue to sell non-menthol cigarettes. I feel like it should be up to us the buyers wether or not we purchase menthol cigarettes and not the FDA making that decision for us. If you look at it look how long these cigarettes have been on the market and people dont just buy any kind of cigarette if nothing was done about this all these years then why should you the FDA take them off the market now.

sincerely,  
loyal newport customer

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** MERCEDES MARTINEZ [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2011 3:50 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] (b) (6)

I am writing to ask you not to ban menthol cigarettes. They are the only cigarettes that i will smoke. I can not smoke any other cigarette than Newport Menthol. I don't think it is right that other people will have the choice to choose what cigarette they smoke and i no longer will. In America we have the freedom to choose the things we want. So please don't take that right away from me.

Thank you

**Knoblach, John**

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**From:** [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2011 2:05 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** Newport menthal cigarettes

in my opinon you should not ban methol cigerets

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**From:** Renee Trim [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2011 1:58 AM  
**To:** TPSAC; Renee Trim

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**From:** [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2011 1:05 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** vincent barnes menthol support

there is no difference between menthol and nonmenthol the evidence they have is limited and should not hold up i have been both a menthol and a non menthol smoker if anything menthol is less harsh on the throat and lungs there is no reason to ban menthol u would have to ban both and thats redicoulous it would cause an uproar to ban menthol there would be so many negative effects that its not even worth it

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2011 12:13 AM  
**To:** TPSAC  
**Subject:** menthol

I just received a letter informing me that you are fighting to remove menthol cigarettes. I smoke Newport 100 and have always smoked that. I want to quit and am trying, but I don't want to be forced into quitting. I want to choose how and when, I don't want anyone telling me what I can smoke or can't smoke. We have freedom of choice in the US and my freedom of choice is to smoke Newport, you taking my menthol cigarettes away is taking away our rights of the constitution.

So stop this ridiculous ban and fight for something that is really worth it. Spend that money that you are using in stupid things like this and use it to help start groups for obesity, diabetics, etc, that gives them motives to be part of.

Pay me to help you start of a powerful positive group and I guarantee you that you will get better results than what you are getting of this.

Thank you  
Wanda Nieves