Poll Finds Minnesotans Support Ending the Sale of All Flavored Tobacco Products

Participants were told: The Minnesota State Legislature may consider a proposal that would end the sale of all flavored tobacco products that can appeal to kids, including fruit, mint and candy flavored e-cigarettes, menthol-flavored cigarettes, flavored hookah tobacco and flavored chewing tobacco. Then they were asked:

“Would you support or oppose the proposal to end the sale of all flavored tobacco products in Minnesota?”

Overall, 62% of Minnesota residents support ending all flavored tobacco sales – nearly double the rate of opposition (33%)

Support is strong across geographies, race and political identities

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Four times as many residents strongly support the policy (19%) than strongly oppose (5%)

Learn more: FlavorsHookKidsMN.org
Minnesotans Concerned About Youth Tobacco Use, Supportive of Policies and Lawmakers that Prevent Youth Addiction

How concerned are you about vaping, smoking and other tobacco use among Minnesota youth?

- Concerned: 70%
- Not Concerned: 30%

Seven in ten Minnesotans are concerned about youth tobacco use

Suppose your state legislator supported this proposal (to end all flavored tobacco sales). Would you be more or less likely to vote for them?

- More Likely: 46%
- Less Likely: 54%

Residents are more than 2x more likely to vote for lawmakers who support flavored tobacco policies

Nearly two-thirds of Minnesota residents choose the health of our kids over tobacco industry concerns

Participants were asked which statement comes closest to their personal opinion:

- It is more important to protect kids and end the sale of flavored tobacco products to prevent kids from using them (66%)
- It is more important to protect small businesses by allowing them to sell flavored tobacco products (30%)

- Protect Kids: 66%
- Allow Flavor Sales: 30%

- Prevent Kids: 64%
- Adult Flavor Access: 33%

Methodology: The statewide scientific study contains the results of a survey administered to 800 randomly selected adult residents in Minnesota by the Morris Leatherman Company. Professional interviewers conducted the survey via landline and cell phone calls between January 18 and February 2, 2023. Cellphone only households were 54% of the sample, landline only households with 8% of the sample; with the remaining 38% having both cellphones and landlines. The results are projectable to all adult residents in Minnesota to within ±3.5% in 95 out of 100 cases. The survey was paid for by the Tobacco-Free Kids Action Fund.