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September 19, 2017

The Honorable Jerry Brown  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol, First Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Requested Veto of AB 725 (Levine)

Dear Governor Brown:

I would like to respectfully request that you veto AB 725 (Levine) that would ban all smoking – including e-cigarettes in state parks or on state coastal beaches.

As a pharmacist for nearly 35 years, I am about as anti-tobacco as anybody. My mother died from lung cancer, and I am one of the only Republicans who refuse to accept campaign contributions from tobacco companies.

But AB 725 goes too far. The ban on e-cigarettes where the user exhales essentially only water vapor is not a danger to people. Further, to punish an e-cigarette user who because of dependency on nicotine needs a dosage seems draconian.

When you vetoed SB 1333 last year, you indicated that the legislation was too broad. I would submit that this legislation is equally broad in that it covers private property abutting the coastline. I greatly appreciate the desire to live in a smoke-free environment. But the fact is that tobacco is still legal in the State of California. Banning where it can and can't be used seems to be overly punitive to the users who are addicted to nicotine.

For these and many other reasons, I am hopeful that you will veto AB 725.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Stone".

Jeff Stone  
State Senator, 28<sup>th</sup> District