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Chair Moore, Vice Chair Sands, and members of the Interim Committee:

I'm writing to notify you that the department is withdrawing MAR Notice No. 37-923 from consideration and will not be adopting the proposed rules. After this week's interim committee meeting it is apparent that more education and collaboration is necessary to protect Montana kids from the epidemic of e-cigarette use through this proposed rule, in spite of the latest study which came out this week showing that teens and young adults who vape are five times more likely to become infected with coronavirus than those who don't.

DPHHS will continue to work with partners, including the legislature, to protect the health of Montana's greatest asset—its kids.

Thank you,

Sheila Hogan, Director  
Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services