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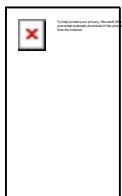
From: Bri Mishin <bri@saveourshores.org>
Sent: Monday, August 25, 2025 10:25 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Support for a ban on the sale of filtered tobacco products

Dear Capitola City Council Members,

I urge you to take action against one of the most pervasive and harmful forms of litter - cigarette butts. Specifically, I urge you to introduce and support a ban on the sale of filtered tobacco products in our city.

Cigarette butts are the most littered item in the world, and locally, they wash into Monterey Bay, contributing to ocean pollution and harming marine life. These filters do not biodegrade; instead, they break into microplastics and leach toxic chemicals like lead, arsenic, and nicotine into our environment. They are also a fire hazard, responsible for burning nearly 89,000 acres in California since 1980.

Thank you for your time and leadership on this critical issue.



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Due to the nature of my position I am frequently away from my computer. I will get back to you as soon as possible.