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**HEALTH COMMISSIONER DR. OXIRIS BARBOT ISSUES STATEMENT ON
PROPOSED RESTRICTIONS ON FLAVORED E-CIGARETTES**

“The FDA’s proposed restrictions on sales of flavored e-cigarettes, including increased enforcement online and for products that are targeted to minors, is an important step. However, a much more aggressive approach is needed; flavored e-cigarettes should not be available, including mint- and menthol-flavored e-cigarettes. Excluding mint- and menthol-flavored e-cigarettes leaves a dangerous gap, which will continue to put youth at risk of nicotine dependence. While it is also promising that the FDA is taking some action on restricting flavored cigars, the new policy falls short. A complete ban by the FDA of flavored cigars and menthol cigarettes remains critical to tobacco control.”

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