



Vapers and consumers of other safer nicotine products are under threat from the WHO's COP9 in November, as we described in our article which you can read [here](#).

NNA is issuing a call to action for consumers to write to their MP, with these requests:

- 1) To write to the Under-Secretary of State for Health, Maggie Throup, to insist that the substantive discussion of reduced risk nicotine products is not discussed at the WHO's virtual COP9 meeting in November, but instead deferred to COP10.
- 2) And to ask that she instruct the UK delegation to COP9 to propose the setting up of a Tobacco Harm Reduction Working Group for COP10.

The simplest way of doing so is by using the Write to Them website by clicking [here](#), the website will find your MP when you enter your postcode. Alternatively, you can email your MP directly or send them a letter in the post by searching for their contact details online. [BackVapingSaveLives](#) is also conducting a postcard campaign if you are very short on time.

We suggest these words as a basis for your comments but do try to turn them into your own. MPs are less likely to take heed of messages if they feel they are simply copy and pasted without thought.

Dear (the website will find your MP when you enter your postcode)

I'm asking you to write to the Under-Secretary of State for Health, Maggie Throup, to insist that the substantive discussion of reduced risk nicotine products is not discussed at the WHO's virtual COP9 meeting in November, but instead deferred to COP10. Additionally, can you please ask that she instruct the UK delegation to COP9 to propose the setting up of a Tobacco Harm Reduction Working Group for COP10.

DO:

- Be respectful and polite
- Write about how vaping or other safer nicotine helped you
- Emphasise the value of flavours, if you find them important to you
- Personalise your response, MPs do actually want to hear from constituents
- Conclude by saying you look forward to their reply
- Share your replies on social media and encourage friends and family to write to their MP too

Some points you could consider making: (These are not exhaustive, merely suggestions. If you feel you have other points you would like to make that would be persuasive, go ahead and make them.)

Vaping and use of other reduced risk products should not be treated the same as smoking.

The WHO is extremely hostile to vaping and other reduced risk products, the UK has a sensible approach

to vaping and is a prominent funder of the FCTC. Our delegation should stand up for what works.

The UK should strongly resist proposals to ban open vape systems and regulate vaping products so that they are all the same.

Vaping helped me and it could help many other smokers to switch in the future. The UK should not let the WHO jeopardise that.

Harm reduction should be front and centre to the FCTC and COP9 process in order that vaping and reduced risks products can save lives around the world.

To ensure a more sensible debate about safer nicotine products, the UK delegation should propose the setting up of a tobacco harm reduction group to be added to the COP9 agenda for establishment at COP10.

It is not in the interests of children, especially those who suffer from the most disparities, to keep their parents smoking, and COP9 is a threat to reducing smoking rates. [This article](#) offers supporting information.

A more balanced assessment of evidence on vaping and other products should be presented to the parties to the FCTC COP before substantive discussions take place.

Good luck with your messages and thank you.