

U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Johnson applauds FDA decision to further delay implementation of harmful e-cigarette rule

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WASHINGTON — Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.), chairman of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, applauded FDA Commissioner Dr. Scott Gottlieb's decision Friday that the FDA would delay the harmful e-cigarette rule until 2022.

"For over a year I have conducted oversight of this harmful rule and have urged the FDA to rein in this regulation. I am pleased that Commissioner Gottlieb has listened to industry and consumer concerns in loosening the FDA's regulatory grip over e-cigarette manufacturers. I encourage the FDA to work closely with stakeholders so that this growing industry can continue to innovate and provide consumers with a safer alternative to smoking," said Johnson.

Johnson has raised concerns for more than a year about the FDA's e-cigarette regulation issued under the Obama administration, saying it could create undue burdens on small businesses and possibly lead to negative unintended health consequences.

Background

Chairman Johnson's letters to former FDA Commissioner Califf:

[May 17, 2016](#)

[June 6, 2016](#)

[July 15, 2016](#)

[November 21, 2016](#)

Chairman Johnson and Representative Hunter's [letter](#) to Vice President-elect Pence on December 12, 2016.

Chairman Johnson's [letter](#) to Secretary Price on February 21, 2017.

Chairman's Johnson's [letter](#) to FDA Commissioner Gottlieb on May 17, 2017.