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Pallone Statement on FDA Regulations Regarding E-Cigarettes

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ) issued the following statement today in response to the proposed regulations issued by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regarding electronic cigarettes, also known as e-cigarettes:

“After months of waiting, I am pleased that the FDA has finally issued proposed regulations regarding the manufacture and sale of e-cigarettes and other tobacco products. These regulations are long overdue. The FDA must have a role in examining the science behind e-cigarettes in order to protect the public health. That is why I have repeatedly called on the FDA to release stricter rules regarding e-cigarettes, and I look forward to further examining and commenting on the rule to ensure that final oversight of these products is robust and effective.”

“While this is only the first step toward regulation, it is an important one. Consumers must be informed about the possible health risks that e-cigarettes pose, as well as their potential for addiction. However, I am disappointed that the FDA has failed to take action to prevent e-cigarette companies from continuing to deploy marketing tactics that lure children and teenagers into potential addiction. If young people become hooked in adolescence, their ability to break the habit in later years can be extremely difficult. We have an obligation to protect our young people, and these regulations must be strengthened to do so.”

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