

Dear Chair Pugh,

On behalf of the Coalition for Tobacco Free Vermont, which includes the Vermont Medical Society, the American Academy of Pediatrics Vermont Chapter, Vermont Academy of Family Physicians, the American Lung Assoc., the American Heart Assoc. and the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, we thank you for your leadership on this important legislation and your committees strong work on this bill. We urge the Human Services Committee to pass S.86 as it passed your Committee April 11, 2019.

We support the spirit of Rep. Young's proposed amendment, but knowing it could complicate enforcement and complicate the legislation, we do not think the amendment should be passed at this time and again urge you to vote in support of S.86 without amendments.

Raising the tobacco sale age to 21 is a critical priority for the health of Vermont youth and our coalition and is the #1 goal this session.

Thank you,
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