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APRIL 10, 2018

PUBLIC HEARINGS

6:15 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: 6:15 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Led by Chairman Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr.

MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ROLL CALL: Present: 16 Absent: 7 (Legislators Collins, Deluane, Eckert, Fabiano, Heppner, Maio, Roberts)

6:17 PM - CALL OF THE 1st PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK:

Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 7 Of 2018, A Local Law To Reduce Addiction To Tobacco Products By Raising The Minimum Age For Their Purchase to 21

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were (20) speakers signed up for public comment.

1. Vince Martello, Dir. Community Health Relations UC Health Dept.: Mr. Martello reviewed the costs of tobacco in terms of lives cut short, unnecessary suffering and healthcare costs due to smoking related diseases, and supported Proposed Local Law No. 7 of 2018.
2. Checko Miller, Rosendale: Mr. Miller spoke in support of Proposed Local Law No. 7 of 2018.
3. Greg Howard, Exec. Director of Community Action: Mr. Howard spoke in support of Proposed Local Law No. 7 of 2018.
4. Kristina Wieneke, Public Policy Director for the American Lung Assoc. NY: Ms. Wieneke spoke in support of Proposed Local Law No. 7 of 2018 and passed around a Juul vaporizer.
5. Marge Gagnon, Stone Ridge: Ms. Gagnon, a health and human service professional and registered nurse for over 35 years, spoke in support of Proposed Local Law No. 7 of 2018.
6. Megan Conroy, Kingston: Ms. Conroy with Ulster Prevention Council spoke in support of Proposed Local Law No. 7 of 2018.
7. Diane Moore, Kingston: Ms. Moore with Tobacco Free Action spoke in support of Proposed Local Law No. 7 of 2018.
8. Tajh Iniguez, Kingston: Mr. Iniguez shared his experience with an underage child asking him to purchase cigarettes. Mr. Iniguez supports Proposed Local Law No. 7 of 2018.

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9. Nasir Robinson, Kingston: Mr. Robinson spoke in support of Proposed Local Law No. 7 of 2018.
10. Emma Britten, Kingston: Ms. Britten, a student, spoke in support of Proposed Local Law No. 7 of 2018.
11. Kyleel Ellniguez, Kingston: Mr. Ellniguez asked for Legislators' support to help reduce smoking in his community by enacting Proposed Local Law No. 7 of 2018.
12. Melinda Herzog, Kingston: Ms. Herzog, on behalf of Healthy Ulster Council, spoke in support of Proposed Local Law No. 7 of 2018.
13. Allen Nace, Kingston: Mr. Nace who works in the field of addiction and dependence spoke in support of Proposed Local Law No. 7 of 2018.
14. Mary Ann Forgey, Kingston: Ms. Forgey, a professor at Fordham University, spoke in support of Proposed Local Law No. 7 of 2018.
15. Evelyn Clarke, UC Director Youth Bureau Port Ewen: Ms Clarke spoke in support of Proposed Local Law No. 7 of 2018.
16. Alex Stier, Olive Country Store/Home Plate Deli: Mr. Stier would like the law to reflect possession of tobacco as being illegal for minors - not just the purchase of the product. The individual needs to take responsibility for them self.
17. Jim Calvin, President NYS Assoc. Convenient Stores, Albany: Mr. Calvin agrees that youth access to tobacco should be restricted, however Mr. Calvin is of the belief that the law won't work if surrounding counties do not also raise the age to purchase to 21 yrs. Mr. Calvin would like to see a possession law passed vs. penalizing retailers doing their job every day in preventing youth access from tobacco.
18. Ellen Reinhard, Kingston: Ms. Reinhard, with Health Alliance of the Hudson Valley, spoke in support of Proposed Local Law No. 7 of 2018.
19. Julie Hart, Gov't Relations Dir. American Cancer Society: Ms. Hart spoke in support of Proposed Local Law No. 7 of 2018.
20. Heidi Kirschner, Kingston YMCA: Ms. Kirschner spoke in support of Proposed Local Law No. 7 of 2018.

Motion by Legislator Herbert Litts, second by Minority Leader Hector Rodriguez to adjourn the public hearing. All in favor.

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Please Note: Complete content of the public comment period can be heard on the Ulster County Legislative Website.

Please Note: Additionally submitted were (45) written statements of support for Proposed Local Law No. 7 of 2018 for the formal record.

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 6:58 PM

6:58 PM - CALL OF THE 2nd PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK:

Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 8 Of 2018, A Local Law Amending Local Law 6 Of 2014, To Improve And Strengthen The Sustainable Energy Loan Program

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was (1) speaker signed up for public comment.

1. Sarah Smiley, Dir. Members Services Energy Improvement Corp.(EIC), Yorktown Heights.: Since 2015 EIC, a not-for-profit local development corporation acting on the behalf of Ulster County, has made funds available to qualified property owners for the installation of renewable energy systems and energy-efficient measures through a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Finance program. Ms. Smiley spoke about changes to the program on the state level, pursuant to Article 5-L of the NY General Municipal Law, which aims to make the program more accessible.

Please Note: Complete content of the public comment period can be heard on the Ulster County Legislative Website.

Motion by Legislator Herbert Litts, second by Minority Leader Hector Rodriguez to adjourn the public hearing. All in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 7:01 PM

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NEXT MEETING:

The next Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held next **Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 7:00 PM** in the Legislative Chambers, Sixth Floor, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York.

T21 TALK POINTS

Let's review **the costs of tobacco in terms of lives cut short, unnecessary suffering – and healthcare costs due to smoking related diseases.**

According to the Centers for Disease Control, **smoking related diseases kill a half a million Americans a year.** This is the equivalent of 3/747s crashing every day, 365 days a year, with no survivors.

We are all saddened at the toll that the opioid epidemic has taken in communities throughout our nation, and here in Ulster County, yet in 2017 all of the opioid fatalities combined killed an average of 1,250 people a week, while **smoking related diseases killed over 9,600 people a week - a ratio of 8 to 1.**

Here in Ulster County, 4 out of 5 of the leading causes of premature death are smoking related - and our adult smoking rate is over 6 points higher than the state average – and over 4 points higher than the Mid-Hudson Valley regional average.

And while our adult smoking rate is 21.1 %, for low income households the rate is 36.3%. Why is this important? Because it's a social justice issue AND because Ulster County taxpayer's local share of Medicaid costs to treat low income people with chronic disease conditions is \$40 million dollars annually. A huge portion of that sum (12 M +) spent on treating smoking related diseases.

You will hear critics tonight who will say that raising the age to 21 is not effective and/or will not get 18-20 year olds to quit smoking. These claims are both false and miss the point.

Raising the age of purchase is a highly effective, evidenced based PREVENTION strategy

recommended by no less than the US Surgeon General, the National Academy of Medicine, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the CDC, the NYS Department of Health and many more. To date, over 285 cities and counties in 19 states have adopted T21 legislation.

For decades big tobacco swore that they didn't market their products to youth, yet in 1978 when the big tobacco class action lawsuits were settled, their own documents detailed efforts to recruit new, young smokers. Why, because their older customers were literally dying. In fact, tobacco companies continue to spend **a million dollars an hour** marketing their products, mostly at POS where our kids are highly exposed.

The point is that this law will delay the initiation of smoking and by delaying initiation; it reduces the possibility that our kids will become addicted adult smokers.

To illustrate this point, let's go right to the source. In 1982 a RJR Reynolds Researcher said, "If a man has never smoked by age 18, the odds are 3 to 1 he never will. By age 24, the odds are 20 to 1".

Some will continue to say that this law is not effective and will cost retailers too much, yet **in the four years following Needham, Massachusetts's law changing to legal age to 21, high school smoking rates dropped 47% - and no tobacco retailers went out of business.**


And, while it's true that 4.3 youth smoking rate is an all-time low in NYS, in Ulster County **that rate equals 1,400 of our kids who may very well have their lives cut short.**

While tobacco company profits continue to rise, the message that your vote for this law will send to big tobacco is that here in Ulster County, our children's health, lives, and futures are not for sale - **not at any price.**

THANK YOU!

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letter of support for the Tobacco initiative



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From: Marge Gagnon <rwcsrcc@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, April 6, 2018 10:54 PM
To: Victoria Ann Fabella
Subject: letter of support for the Tobacco initiative

Please add my letter of support for T21 to the formal record

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 The Rose Women's Care Service:
 Community Resource Center "
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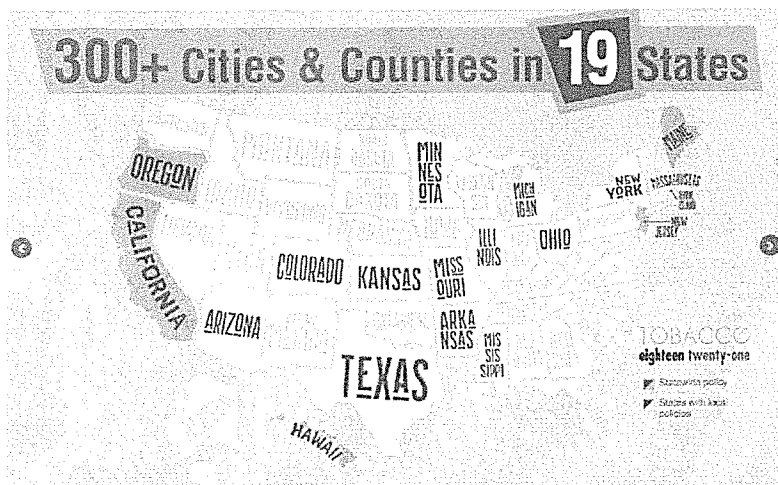
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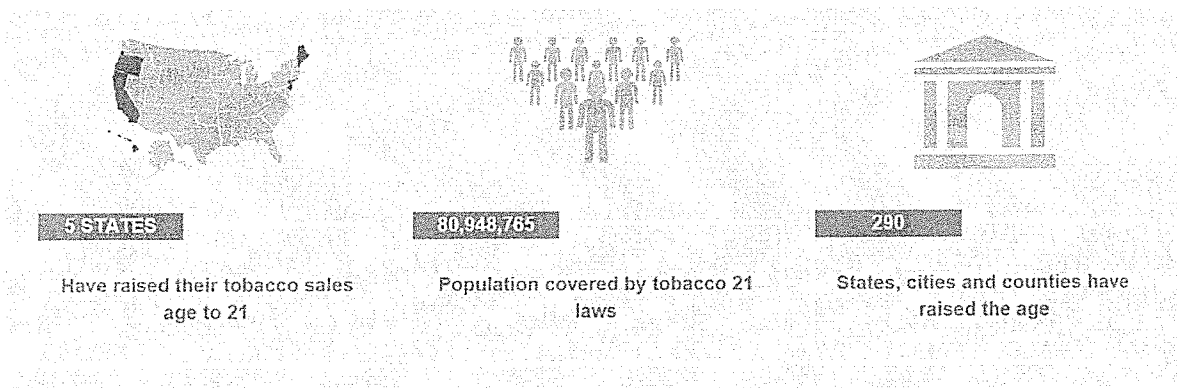


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The Minneapolis City Council is working to bring T21 to



New York

Recent updates! – Tobacco 21 Progress – Statewide Bill Tracker

12/5/2017 – Long Beach becomes the 14th locality in the state to adopt Tobacco 21 (effective March 1, 2018)

8/3/2017 – Port Washington North becomes the 13th locality in the state to adopt Tobacco 21

6/1/2017 – Baxter Estates becomes the 12th locality in the state to adopt Tobacco 21

5/3/2017 – Tompkins County becomes the 11th locality in the state to adopt Tobacco 21

4/21/2017 – Sullivan County becomes the 10th city or county in state to adopt Tobacco

1/9/2017 – Assembly Bill 7479 introduced by Assembly-member Linda Rosenthal. The bill would prohibit using electronic cigarettes in certain places, increase the age of all tobacco products from 18 to 21, & directs the department of health to evaluate the health effects of electronic cigarettes on members of the public.

1/5/2017 – Assembly Bill 273 introduced by Assembly-member Linda Rosenthal along with 24 other co-sponsors. The bill would raise the minimum legal sales age of tobacco products from 18 to 21 statewide

12/22/2016 – Orange County becomes 9th city or county in state to enact Tobacco 21 ordinance

11/17/2016 – North Hempstead becomes 8th city or county in state to enact Tobacco 21 ordinance

9/15/2016 – Cattaraugus County becomes 7th city or county in state to enact Tobacco 21 ordinance

8/9/2016 – Schenectady County becomes 6th city or county in state to enact Tobacco 21 ordinance

7/5/2016 – Cortland County becomes 5th municipality in state to enact Tobacco 21 ordinance

6/8/2016 – Albany County becomes 4th Municipality in state to enact Tobacco 21 ordinance

4/27/2016 – Chautauqua County becomes 3rd municipality in state to enact Tobacco 21 ordinance

New York is another state that has made significant progress in tobacco prevention. In November of 2013 New York City enacted legislation that raised the age to purchase tobacco products to 21, and also set a minimum price of \$10.50 per pack of cigarettes, among other provisions:

New York City Bill Raising Tobacco Age To 21

Championed by Mayor Michael Bloomberg, the law was an unprecedented and exemplary move by such a large city. It went into effect in 2014, and shortly after Suffolk County, NY also raised their tobacco and nicotine age to 21. The nation immediately took notice, and since Chicago, San Francisco, Kansas City, Cleveland, and Boston have also enacted Tobacco 21 ordinances. In 2016, 7 additional New York localities

raised their tobacco sales age to 21. The state also has the highest per pack tax in the nation, at \$4.35, which likely also contributes to their well below national average rate of high school smoking, and representative national average rate of adult smoking.

Unfortunately, the state only spends 20.9% of the CDC recommended amount on tobacco prevention. An estimated 280,000 children now under the age of 18 will eventually die early due to smoking, with 10,600 children becoming daily smokers each year. The result is an annual health care cost of \$10.39 billion that is directly caused by smoking, and an additional \$7.33 billion in lost productivity. New York City's and Suffolk County's new laws will of course positively impact these numbers, and hopefully will influence other cities and states to follow their lead in raising the sales age of tobacco to 21.

There is no preemption language present in state law keeping localities from raising the Minimum Legal Sales Age (MLSA) to 21. Local governments are free to enact ordinances to better protect their kids from addiction. It has been our experience that the most powerful incentive for the state legislature to act is the initiative of local citizens and governmental leaders. Statewide, California and Hawaii's laws both began at the local level where powerful tobacco industry lobbyists have little sway. We encourage you to talk to your local city council person, county council member or board of health leader. Local champions have largely driven this movement in non-preempted states. Your voice is more influential than you think. Constituents are an impetus for change at the community and statewide levels. Garner interest around Tobacco 21 at the local and state level by communicating with your local legislators through phone calls, emails, and testimony at local government meetings.

For more information, you may contact:

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Played a direct role in shaping NYC's historic T21 legislation.

Director Northeastern Region

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Tobacco Free Kids New York: "The Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids is a leading force in the fight to reduce tobacco use and its deadly toll in the United States and around the world. Our vision: A future free of the death and disease caused by tobacco."

American Lung Association State Report Card: "The ALA 'State of Tobacco Control' report tracks progress on key tobacco control policies at the state and federal levels, and assigns grades based on tobacco control laws and regulations in effect as of January 2, 2014."

SLATI State Information New York: "SLATI (State Legislated Actions on Tobacco Issues) is an extensively researched and invaluable source of information on tobacco control laws and policy, and is the only up-to-date and comprehensive summary of state tobacco control laws."

The Preventing Tobacco Addiction Foundation and the Campaign For Tobacco Free Kids support these four principles for Tobacco 21 ordinances:

- 1) Include all tobacco and nicotine products, specifically e-cigarettes. The only exceptions would be FDA recognized nicotine replacement products (gum, patch, etc.) intended for cessation.
- 2) Include significant enforcement provisions against illegal sales as research shows that consistent enforcement is of critical importance.
- 3) Not include any pre-emption against local authority in more stringent regulation of tobacco or other nicotine product sales, secondhand smoke, or e-cigarette vapor.
- 4) Ideally not include possession, usage, or purchase (PUP) penalties that result in criminal records, and instead place the onus on the purveyors of these addictive products

We welcome your comments and suggestions: [Contact Us](#)

Statement of Support

Supporting a Minimum Legal Sales Age of 21 for Tobacco Products in Ulster County

WHEREAS, tobacco use is the foremost preventable cause of premature death in the United States, responsible for approximately 480,000 deaths a year and approximately 8.5 million persons in the U.S. living annually with tobacco-related chronic illnesses;

WHEREAS, the annual economic impact of smoking in the U.S. is approximately \$300 billion in health care and lost worker productivity costs;

WHEREAS, nearly all smokers start smoking before the age of 21, and the risk of smoking initiation does not lower until the age of 22;

WHEREAS, the transition from experimental to regular smoking typically occurs around the age of 20;

WHEREAS, the developing brains of those 21 and under are particularly susceptible to the addictive properties of nicotine, and tobacco industry documents show that those who start smoking by the age of 18 are almost twice as likely to become lifetime smokers as those who start after they turn 21;

WHEREAS, electronic smoking device use among minors has recently tripled, and use of electronic smoking devices is associated with and may encourage the use of conventional tobacco products;

WHEREAS, 90% of all adults who purchase tobacco products for minors are between the ages of 18 and 20;

WHEREAS, by one estimate, raising the minimum legal sales age ("MLSA") – prohibiting the sale of tobacco products to those under the age of 21 – would decrease smoking prevalence from 20% to 6.6% for 14- to 17-year olds and from 26.9% to 12.2% for 18- to 20-year olds;

WHEREAS, in 2005, Needham, Massachusetts raised the MLSA for tobacco products to 21. Since then, the number of high school students who report smoking has dropped almost 60%;

WHEREAS, more than 90 communities have enacted laws mandating a minimum legal sales age for tobacco products to 21, including the state of Hawaii;

WHEREAS, three-quarters of U.S. adults favor raising the MLSA for tobacco products to 21, including seven in ten smokers;

WHEREAS, the retail impact of ordinances mandating a minimum legal sales age of 21 for tobacco products is minimal, with an estimated decrease of only 2%;

WHEREAS, raising the legal drinking age to 21 led to reduced alcohol use and dependence among youth, and dramatically decreased drunk driving fatalities;

WHEREAS, 62% of Ulster County residents are in favor of a Tobacco 21 local policy;

Be it RESOLVED that, Megan Conroy recommends raising the minimum legal sales age for tobacco products to 21.

Signature Megan Conroy Title Community Prevention Specialist Date 4/10/18
Organization Ulster Prevention Council Zip Code 12401

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Be it RESOLVED that, Nasir Robinson recommends raising the minimum legal sales age for tobacco products to 21.


Signature Nasir Robinson Title _____ Date _____

Organization _____ Zip Code 12401

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Tobacco 21 Comments

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244 Fair StreetPO Box 1800Kingston, NY 12402(845) 340-3666vfab@co.ulster.ny.us**From:** Jim Calvin <jim@nyacs.org>**Sent:** Wednesday, April 11, 2018 6:09 PM**To:** Victoria Ann Fabella**Subject:** Tobacco 21 Comments

Dear Ms. Fabella:

Two minutes wasn't enough to cover everything I wanted to say last night about the Tobacco 21 law, so as Chairman Ronk suggested, I am submitting written comments in hopes they will be shared with the Legislature. Thanks for your consideration.

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COMMENTS ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 7 OF 2018 TOBACCO 21

submitted to the

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by

James Calvin, NYACS President

April 11, 2018

I am the President of the New York Association of Convenience Stores, a trade organization representing neighborhood mini-marts here in Ulster County and across the state.

The two minutes I was allotted to speak at the April 10 public hearing was insufficient to cover the following concerns surrounding the proposed Tobacco 21 law.

Technical Issues

Section 3, Paragraph B, setting forth acceptable forms of ID to verify the purchaser's age, matches the state law, except that state law allows retailers to accept a military ID, while the county law doesn't.

Beyond the question of whether that's fair to active military personnel, our bigger concern is that asking store clerks to enforce two conflicting ID policies is bound to create confusion at the counter, heightening the risk of an underage sale occurring.

Enforcement Issues

Paragraph C of Section 7, Penalties, invites your health department to fine the same retailer \$1,000 under the state ATUPA law (age 18) and another \$1,000 under the county law (age 21) for a single violation.

This practice is called double-dipping. It is equivalent to a local police officer pulling you over and handing you one speeding ticket for violating state DMV law and another speeding ticket for violating county traffic law for the same infraction. It is highly inappropriate and unethical. It distorts the purpose of tobacco enforcement from preventing youth smoking to *cha-ching*.

Most counties that have adopted Tobacco 21 have stipulated in the law that an underage tobacco sale is *either* a violation of the state ATUPA law *or* the county law, depending on the age of the undercover minor used in the inspection. Ulster County should too.

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Contextual Issues

Section 1, Legislative Findings and Intent, Paragraph C asserts that almost one in five high school seniors is a current cigarette smoker, nearly 20 percent.

However, the New York State Health Department announced last month that statewide, cigarette smoking among high school age youth in 2016 reached an all-time low of 4.3 percent:

https://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/tobacco_control/reports/statshots/volume10/n1_youth_cigarette_and_ends_use.pdf

20 percent versus 4.3 percent is a major discrepancy. How is it reconciled? Does the data cited in the Legislative Findings accurately reflect Ulster County today? Data that is outdated, or non-specific to New York, may tend to exaggerate the extent of the problem the Legislature is being asked to remedy. In order to place this issue in its proper context, the Legislature needs current statistics applicable to Ulster County – and not just on youth smoking. For instance, the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services says 26 percent of high school seniors are heavy drinkers, illustrating the futility of a higher purchase age:

https://www.oasas.ny.gov/publications/pdf/toolkit_factsheet.pdf

Effectiveness Issues

Were the law to pass, would there be any place besides a local store where 18 to 20-year-old smokers could still buy tobacco legally? Yes. Adjacent Delaware, Greene and Dutchess counties would still have an 18 purchase age.

Then there are social sources, where the vast majority of teen smokers get tobacco. Think about it. Wouldn't a 19-year-old be just as resourceful as a 15-year-old – if not more so – in procuring cigarettes from an uncle, an older friend down the block, or mommy's pocketbook?

Plus there's a largely unseen but thriving black market that accounts for 57 percent of cigarette consumption statewide – an army of street dealers unfazed by the legal purchase age:

<https://taxfoundation.org/cigarette-tax-cigarette-smuggling-2015/>

Given these readily available avenues for circumventing the well-intended Tobacco 21 law, the chain of supply to younger kids would be unbroken.

We believe the wiser approach is to outlaw possession by minors, so you could take away the cigarettes kids obtain illegally, and force them to attend a smoking cessation class. That, in our view, would be far more effective than the Swiss-cheese barrier Tobacco 21 is destined to be.

Conclusion

As parents, citizens, and responsible retailers, we share the community-wide goal of preventing underage tobacco use. Our youth tobacco prevention compliance rate, which is at or near 100 percent, proves that.

But because of the sad realities of how and where kids will continue to get cigarettes, Tobacco 21 would succeed only in taking legitimate business away from shopkeepers who are doing the right thing by upholding their duty to prevent youth access to tobacco.

Statement of Support

Raising the Minimum Legal Sales Age to 21 for Tobacco Products in Ulster County

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Be it RESOLVED that, Cindy Ryan recommends raising the minimum legal sales age for tobacco products to 21.

Signature Cindy Ryan

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Date 4/3/18

Organization _____

Zip Code 12498

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Be it RESOLVED that, Su Marcy recommends raising the minimum legal sales age for tobacco products to 21.

Signature Su Marcy Title V.P. Date 4/3/18

Organization UNITEDWAY OF ULSTER County Zip Code 12401

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Be it RESOLVED that, Cornelia Denvir recommends raising the minimum legal sales age for tobacco products to 21.

Signature Cornelia Denvir Title Assoc. Sec. of Suny Ulster Date 4/3/18

Organization SUNY Ulster - Stone Ridge NY Zip Code 12484

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Be it RESOLVED that, Helen Edelstein recommends raising the minimum legal sales age for tobacco products to 21.

Signature [Signature] Title _____ Date 4/3/2018

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Signature Judith Bromley Title MS. RN Date 4/3/18

Organization RAISING HOPE Zip Code 12461

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Signature Christine Fautz Title CEO Date 4/3/18
Organization Hamsway H&H LLC Zip Code 12401

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Signature Shelby Schaeffer Title Teacher Date 4-4-18

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Signature Linda Mason Title Asst Manager Date 4-4-18

Organization (optional) _____ Zip 12401

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Signature Doris Hanson Title _____ Date 4/2/2018

Organization (optional) _____ Zip 12461

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Signature Trent Frazer Title Student Date 4/4/18

Organization KHS Zip Code 12401

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Signature Kathryn A. Ferraro Title Director Date 4/4/18

Organization (optional) Health Alliance Zip 12432

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Signature Ledre Dawson Title _____ Date 4/4/18

Organization (optional) _____ Zip 12477

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Signature Patricia Gavis Title _____ Date 4/4/18

Organization (optional) _____ Zip 12401

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Signature Gloria Scull Title Senior Accountant Date 4/4/18

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Be it RESOLVED that, (Print Name) _____ supports raising the minimum legal sales age for tobacco products to 21.

Signature Carol Mahoney Title resident Date 4/04/2018

Organization (optional) _____ Zip 12401

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Signature Cindy Frangis Title _____ Date 4/4/18

Organization (optional) _____ Zip 12401

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Signature  Title ASST DIR ACCT RESCUE Date 4/4/18

Organization (optional) HEALTH ALLIANCE Zip 12401

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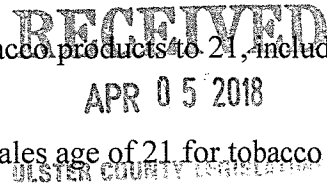
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Signature Ric Davis Title A/P Date 4/4/18

Organization (optional) HealthAlliance Zip 12401



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Ellenville NY 12428
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March 16, 2018

To whom it may concern:

Tobacco use is the number one cause of preventable death in our nation and a major contributor to our ever increasing healthcare costs. We at Ellenville Regional Hospital would like to express our support to Ulster County, in consideration of passing the **Tobacco 21** law. This law, recently passed in New York City, protects youth by prohibiting the sale of tobacco to anyone under the age of 21. In fact, communities and counties across the country are stepping up to the plate and showing their support for raising the tobacco sale age to 21.

The vast majority of smokers begin before the age of 18 and almost all before the age of 21. As with the restriction on the sale of alcohol to those under 21 years of age, raising the legal age to purchase tobacco products protects the health of our children, prevents nicotine addiction and future smoking.

We need to act now to protect our most vulnerable population, our youth, by reducing access to harmful and addictive products. This is one way we can do it. If County leaders raise the tobacco sale age to 21, it will save more young people in our community from a lifetime of addiction, disease and premature death. I hope that is a goal we can all get behind.

Sincerely,



Deborah Briggs, VP
Human Resources & Community Relations
Ellenville Regional Hospital

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Signature Stephanie Richers Title LCSW Date 4/6/18

Organization (optional) Institute for Family Health Zip 12401



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Executive Director
Margaret Gagnon, RN, MS

To whom it may concern:

Secretary
Linda Showers, RN

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Treasurer
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Adolescents feel social pressure in various ways, from wearing the latest clothing trends and styles to current music choices. Your child's friends are one of the strongest influences during this time in their lives, especially when it comes to risky behaviors like tobacco use. During the pre-teen and teenage years, your child is asserting their independence and exploring their identity. Yet they still crave the approval of their peers and often worry about being rejected. Peer pressure makes them feel they are being pulled in two directions. When it comes to smoking cigarettes, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services noted the rate among teens that have three or more friends who smoke is 10 times higher than those that reported none of their friends smoke. (Posted on August 25, 2014 by Zuleika Benitez Jamaica Hospital Medical Center)

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As with the restriction on the sale of alcohol to those under 21 years of age, prohibiting the sale of tobacco would be an additional way for us to protect the health of our children and prevent future smokers.

Sincerely,

Margaret L. Gagnon RN, MS, CNS

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Signature Stacy Kraft Title Public Health Education Coordinator Date 4/9/18
Organization (optional) Ulster County Dept. of Health / Parent Stone Edge, NY Zip 12484

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Signature Donna Greenfield Title _____ Date 4/9/18
Organization (optional) _____ Zip _____

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Signature Sasheeka Jean-Charles Title M.D. Date 04/06/2018

Organization (optional) Mid Hudson Family Medicine Residency Zip 12401

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Signature E Beck Title MD Date 4/6/2018

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Signature [Signature] Title MD Date 4/6/18

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Signature Julie Desch Title Admin Date 4/6/18

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Signature  Title LCSW-R Date 4/6/18

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Be it RESOLVED that, (Print Name) M. Ahsan Iqbal supports raising the minimum legal sales age for tobacco products to 21.

Signature [Signature]

Title MD

Date 4/6/18

Organization (optional) _____

Zip 12401

Statement of Support

Supporting a Minimum Legal Sales Age of 21 for Tobacco Products in Ulster County

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Be it RESOLVED that, Joel Aguiar recommends raising the minimum legal sales age for tobacco products to 21.

Signature Joel Aguiar Title /// Date 4/10/2018
Organization /// Zip Code ///

Statement of Support

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Be it RESOLVED that, Stephanie Boscoe recommends raising the minimum legal sales age for tobacco products to 21.

Signature Stephanie Boscoe Title _____ Date 4/10/18

Organization _____ Zip Code _____

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Be it RESOLVED that, Michelle Iannotta recommends raising the minimum legal sales age for tobacco products to 21.

Signature Michelle Iannotta Title _____ Date 4/10/18

Organization _____ Zip Code 12487

Statement of Support

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Be it RESOLVED that, Wendy Johnson recommends raising the minimum legal sales age for tobacco products to 21.

Signature Wendy Johnson Title _____ Date 4/10/18

Organization _____ Zip Code _____

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Be it RESOLVED that, Tamara Stafford recommends raising the minimum legal sales age for tobacco products to 21.

Signature Tamara Stafford Title citizen Date 4/11/2018
Organization _____ Zip Code 12572

Statement of Support

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Be it RESOLVED that, Sherrill Silver recommends raising the minimum legal sales age for tobacco products to 21.

Signature Sherrill Silver Title RN Date 4/10/18
CHW Supervisor
Organization MISN Zip Code 12428

Statement of Support

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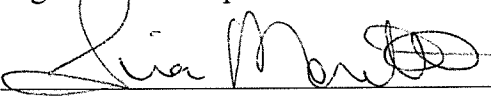
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Be it RESOLVED that, Tina Mandiville recommends raising the minimum legal sales age for tobacco products to 21.

Signature  Title Supervisor Date 3/4/18
Organization UC Healthy Families Zip Code 12428

Statement of Support

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Be it RESOLVED that, _____ recommends raising the minimum legal sales age for tobacco products to 21.

Signature  Title _____ Date 4/10/2018

Organization _____ Zip Code 12461

Statement of Support

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Be it RESOLVED that, Maria Cecilia Deferrari recommends raising the minimum legal sales age for tobacco products to 21.

Signature Maria Cecilia Deferrari Title _____ Date 4/10/18
Organization Private Citizen - self Zip Code 12477

Statement of Support

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Be it RESOLVED that, Therese Santiago recommends raising the minimum legal sales age for tobacco products to 21.

Signature Therese Santiago Title _____ Date 4/10/18

Organization _____ Zip Code 10916

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Be it RESOLVED that, Jesse C. Sarubbi recommends raising the minimum legal sales age for tobacco products to 21.

Signature Jesse C. Sarubbi Title Voter/Taxpayer Date 4/10/18
Organization _____ Zip Code 12561

Statement of Support

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Be it RESOLVED that, Lindy Raglanni recommends raising the minimum legal sales age for tobacco products to 21.

Signature Lindy Raglanni Title CE + CRESA Specialist Date 4/10/18
Organization Family of Woodstock Inc. Zip Code 12401

Statement of Support

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Be it RESOLVED that, _____ recommends raising the minimum legal sales age for tobacco products to 21.

Signature Ruth Shute Title Outreach Specialist Date _____

Organization Fidelis Care, org Zip Code 12779

Statement of Support

Supporting a Minimum Legal Sales Age of 21 for Tobacco Products in Ulster County

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WHEREAS, more than 90 communities have enacted laws mandating a minimum legal sales age for tobacco products to 21, including the state of Hawaii;

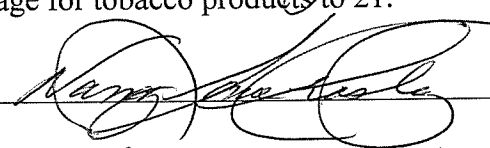
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Be it RESOLVED that, Nancy Lane Crosby recommends raising the minimum legal sales age for tobacco products to 21.

Signature  Title M.D. Psychiatrist Date 4/10/2018
Organization Access Supports For Living, Inc. Zip Code 12428
Ulster County Mobile Mental Health

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Signature

Title

Health Educator

Date

11/10/18

Organization

Planned Parenthood of the Hudson Valley

Zip Code

12401

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Be it RESOLVED that, Krishn Fowler recommends raising the minimum legal sales age for tobacco products to 21.

Signature [Signature] Title _____ Date 4/10/18

Organization _____ Zip Code _____

T21

Monica Koch

Thu 4/5/2018 1:52 PM

To: Victoria Ann Fabella <vfab@co.ulster.ny.us>;

Victoria---just read an email sent to our department re raising the age at which one can purchase tobacco to 21. Can you please add my name to the list of those in support of T21 to the formal record?

Thank you,

Monica Koch

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