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The adolescent brain has a developing prefrontal cortex until the mid to late twenties. I have personally witnessed the harm that tobacco can cause on a teenager's life. Tobacco and nicotine products will cloud a person's better judgment and control their life. I witnessed a teenager who was already struggling, in school and with personal decisions, get addicted to tobacco products. This caused reckless behavior, depression, failing grades and distance from family and close friends. They became addicted to drugs around the age of 15. Now they are almost 19, they work at a vape shop, and unfortunately still smoke tobacco. They have refused help and have become controlled by tobacco and nicotine products. They have given up their future of college. After having witnessed this I know how harmful these products are, therefore if these products were less accessible to teenagers it would lower the risk of becoming addicted at a younger age and saving their futures. Abby Beachler, 8th Grade, Walden Middle School



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We need to do everything possible to keep our children safe.



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I've always been the kind of person who easily said no to drugs and alcohol. It simply just wasn't my thing. That's why I didn't understand how horrible the access ability was until I was in high school. When I walk into the bathroom at school, I smell vapes instantly. When I get into 60% of my friends' vehicles, their tobacco products are sitting in their cup holders. And believe it or not, I'm selective with my friends and what they do. It is far too easy for students my age to obtain these items and something needs to be done about it. Anna Tucker, 12th grade, Lawson High School



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I am in Support of this Bill and the Changes to the Tobacco Product Age and Sale Regulations. For ANY Tobacco related Product, the age shall be 21 to purchase and to consume. The Division of Tobacco and Liquor Control of the Missouri Department of Public Safety NEED additional Agents and Investigators to perform the Duties and Enforce the Laws.



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I would like to provide written testimony in favor of HB 517 and HB 124 to preserve local T21 ordinances, require tobacco retailers to be licensed, and stiffen penalties for selling to underage youth. Jefferson City enacted a T21 ordinance years ago and it is important to strengthen laws pertaining to this issue. Thank you, Mayor Carrie Tergin



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Dear Chair Murphy and Members of the Committee: My name is Christy Inskip. I was born and raised in Missouri, plan to raise my family here, and I support both HB 124 and HB 517. I used to work for a local public health department in another state providing technical assistance to local jurisdictions that wanted to adopt evidence-based tobacco prevention ordinances, including Tobacco 21, to protect the children in their communities from the predatory tactics of the Tobacco Industry to hook the next generation and sentence them to a lifetime of addiction. Our children have the right to grow up in a community where they can live healthy, prosperous lives free of addiction. Vaping has risen at an alarming rate in Missouri – over 91% among high school students from 2017-2019. More than 1 in 5 are vaping. My 13 and 15 year old nephews told me it seems like most of their classmates are vaping. My 13 year old nephew said that kids vape in class as a game to see how many times they can "hit" the vape without getting caught. Many of the youth who use nicotine products acquire a lifelong, debilitating, and deadly addiction. About 128,000 kids currently under age 18 in Missouri will die early from tobacco, contributing to what tobacco is costing Missourians every year - \$3.5 billion in health care costs, \$693 million in Medicaid costs, and \$7.1 billion in lost productivity, all related to tobacco. Due to the limitations and inadequacy of the federal Tobacco 21 law, not all tobacco retailers are checked for compliance with minimum legal sales age laws, and those that are checked are not checked every year. Therefore, many tobacco retailers in Missouri continue to sell addictive tobacco products to underage children, and 30 local jurisdictions sought to address this by adopting a Tobacco 21 ordinance, which allows them to hold tobacco retailers accountable who sell to underage children. However, these 30 jurisdictions tend to be in more urban areas, leaving children in more rural areas unprotected. A state Tobacco 21 law could hold all tobacco retailers accountable for breaking the law and stop them from selling deadly, addictive products to underage children across Missouri. While a state Tobacco 21 law is essential to protect our children, it is important that it does not preempt or take control away from local jurisdictions from adopting additional tobacco sales restrictions that will help them further protect the children in their communities from the predatory tactics of the Tobacco Industry. It is also important to simultaneously adopt tobacco retail licensing, which would provide license fees to fund implementation and enforcement of the Tobacco 21 and licensing programs and a penalty structure to hold law-breaking retailers accountable. Both HB 124 and HB 517 have elements of an effective policy, include tobacco retail licensing, and they would not preempt local jurisdictions from passing additional tobacco sales restrictions to protect their children. HB 124 and HB 517 would also update Missouri's outdated, confusing minimum legal sales age law of 18, which still requires posting of no sales under age 18 signage, even though federally the age is 21 and age 21 signs are required, further confusing retailers, and bring Missouri in line with the federal law and the 41 other states that have already passed Tobacco 21. HB 124 and HB 517 have the same language and could be combined. I strongly urge you to support the language in House Bills 124 / 517. Thank you for your

consideration,Christy Inskip



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As the child of two physicians, one of whom was an Internist with a specialty in Public Health, and, for more than a decade, a County Commissioner facing the lack of adequate health care resources for my community, I write in support of HB 124 and HB 517. Last night I attended a meeting in Centralia which focused on health care and a portion of the discussion focused on the use by minors of tobacco products. In a time in which health care resources are woefully inadequate, we cannot diminish local authorities' capacity to protect their children against known causes of a panoply of health issues. Further, this bipartisan legislation would put Missouri in line with the majority of states and the experts in the field.



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WITNESS NAME: JENNA WINTEMBERG		PHONE NUMBER:
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Please accept my testimony in support of HB124/HB517. This bill would put Missouri in line with federal law and the 41 other states who have passed Tobacco 21. It would also retain local control of tobacco products. Raising the minimum legal sales age (MLSA) to 21 years, will help prevent and reduce tobacco product use among Missouri youth. In addition, setting the MLSA for tobacco products to 21 years will harmonize tobacco and alcohol sales, which would streamline enforcement.



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This would put Missouri law in line with Federal tobacco 21 laws. This would be less confusing to retailers and consumers. I recently completed tobacco retailer education visits to retailers in the Smithville area and having to provide them with both a Missouri sign that states 18+ and a federal sign that states 21+ was really frustrating and confusing to all of us. Since they have to enforce the federal law anyway, because of the supremacy clause, we need to eliminate the conflicting laws still on the book in Missouri that are causing this ridiculous expense, confusion and inconvenience. Missouri looks ridiculous because they haven't solved for this gap yet. Thank you to Representative Nurrenbern for submitting this House Bill. Your support of important youth substance use prevention measures has done so much to keep Missouri youth safe.



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This piece of legislation would keep tobacco/nicotine products away from individuals under age 21, while also penalizing sellers who attempt to sell to younger individuals.



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Kids at my school are constantly vaping, and doing so unabashedly. The bathrooms are constantly masked in smog, and a vague scent of mint hangs in the air. I dislike using public bathrooms already, and I positively hate using it at the same time as the kids who vape. Tobacco 21 would reduce the accessibility of vape and tobacco products, and free up bathrooms for their intended purpose. Jonas Beckham, 11th grade, Smithville High School, Smithville MO



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I support this legislation because Tobacco 21 protects retailers, youth and our community.



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Tobacco 21 is an important component of a comprehensive public health approach to reducing tobacco use. Increasing the age of sale for tobacco products from 18 to 21 not only aligns with the federal minimum age but will also help save lives. A 2015 report from the National Academy of Medicine revealed that "Tobacco 21" laws would prevent deaths and reduce lung cancer rates. Additionally, waiting until 21 to use tobacco can help young people avoid addiction, reduce health risks, and make more informed decisions about their health.



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This bill regarding Tobacco 21 is imperative to the health and safety of teens in our community. I have observed the detrimental impacts of substance use on teens in my school and district, and know that a change must be made on a higher level to counteract these negative impacts. The substance use has become bad enough in my school that administration frequently has to close the bathrooms during passing time, and we are only allowed two bathroom breaks a day for no more than 10 minutes each. This impacts everyone in the school, even the students that do not participate in substance use. On top of this, my younger sisters have shared with me how in their middle school, vaping has become such a problem that they are now only allowed 10 passes a month. I think that if this bill regarding Tobacco 21 were to be passed, students would have decreased access to these products, and thus would be less likely to bring them to a school environment." Scout Colvin, 11th grade, Park Hill South High School



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Oppose the bill in that it is a tax increase as it reclassifies vapor products as "other tobacco products" therefore subjecting vapor products to the 10% of invoice "other tobacco products" tax. The Bill also requires any seller, provider or distributor of tobacco products to get a new license from Alcohol & Tobacco Control. There is no delineation that such license is for retail sales, so wholesaler/distributors who are already heavily regulated by Dept of Revenue will have to get this additional license too.



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We oppose the addition of a tobacco license as well as changing the penalties and suspensions for inadvertent sales to minors under 21 as well as the removal of the sections that create a minor defense for owners of establishments that sell tobacco.



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The identical bills are far more about unreasonably regulating a lawful product, with the ultimate long term goal of prohibition, than they are about Tobacco 21.