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Associated Industries of Missouri supports increasing the smoking age to 21 and pre-empting local governments regarding smoking and vaping to prevent a patchwork of regulations on the topic.



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If this bill were to become law, all existing local tobacco 21 ordinances would be eliminated



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Honorable Members of the Missouri House Committee on General Laws, My name is Charlie Moses and I am submitting comment on behalf of Parents Against Vaping (PAVe). As a grassroots nonprofit that advocates for the health and wellbeing of kids both nationally and here in Missouri, PAVe is strongly opposed to House Bill 1484. We believe it poses a significant threat to our children. Underage sales of and easy accessibility to highly addictive tobacco products puts Missouri's children in danger with negative impact on their lungs, mental health, and brain function - including their ability to learn. It deeply concerns us that the Tobacco Industry is now attempting to use legislation like HB 1484 to roll back crucial T21 and zoning restrictions, thereby making it easier for retailers to market and sell these harmful products to our kids, with little to no enforcement. Specifically, our concerns regarding HB 1484 are outlined in the proposed legislation, and we urge you to carefully consider the following points:

Section 2, Page 7: Preemption of Local Zoning Restrictions This section seeks to preempt local governments from creating and enforcing zoning restrictions that prevent retailers from selling vaping products near schools and daycares. This undermines the efforts of local communities to create safe environments for our children, exposing them to the allure of vaping products in places where they should feel protected.

Section 3, Page 7: Nullification of Local Tobacco 21 Laws This section, if enacted, would preempt, supersede, and nullify any local laws, ordinances, orders, rules, or regulations related to the minimum age to purchase tobacco products. This means that all local Tobacco 21 laws, which have been crucial in preventing underage access to tobacco, would be eliminated by state law. Such a move would be a significant step backward in our collective efforts to protect our youth from the near and long term dangers of tobacco and nicotine addiction.

In conclusion, we implore you to consider the consequences of HB 1484 on the health and wellbeing of Missouri's children. We know you understand the importance of maintaining strong regulations to safeguard our communities and we have witnessed the positive impact of strong regulations that protect Missourians from the predatory tactics of the tobacco industry. We urge you to stand against HB 1484 and preserve the previous progress that has been made in protecting our children from the harmful effects of vaping and tobacco use. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Charlie Moses on behalf of Parents Against Vaping (PAVe)



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Chairman Riley 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 strongly oppose HB 1484. I used to work for a local public health department in another state providing technical assistance to the county and local jurisdictions that wanted to pass evidence-based tobacco prevention policies 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. After passage of the local policies, I heard from local youth and parents about how the youth were able to quit because of the local policies. 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 among Missouri's high school students. One in five youth vape and one in four use any tobacco in Missouri. My 13 year old nephew who goes to school in Ashland said kids vape in class as a game to see how many times they can "hit" the vape without getting caught. One in three youth who use nicotine products acquire a lifelong, debilitating, and deadly addiction. About 128,000 Missouri children, currently under age 18 will die early from tobacco, contributing to what tobacco costs Missourians every year - we spend \$3 billion in health care costs and \$3 billion in lost productivity due to early deaths, all related to tobacco, resulting in a \$1,144 tax burden per household in Missouri. The tobacco industry uses local retailers to target children and keep them addicted. Research shows tobacco retailers near schools have more outside advertising and the kids who go to those schools use tobacco at higher rates. Kids who see tobacco and ads are more likely to use tobacco. Most kids shop in convenience stores every week, and these are the most common type of tobacco retailer. HB 1484 would preempt local jurisdictions from being able to pass local laws to hold tobacco retailers accountable for selling products to underage children and other sales restrictions to protect children in their communities from the predatory tactics of the Tobacco Industry, which said itself it targets children as its replacement for those who die from a lifetime of addiction. Missouri has at least 30 local jurisdictions that have tobacco sales laws, which allow these jurisdictions to hold law-breaking tobacco retailers who sell to underage children accountable since the federal law is inadequate. However, HB 1484 would supersede these local laws. Local jurisdictions would not be able to stop tobacco retailers from selling to underage children. There is no state tobacco sales laws that would address all the tactics the Tobacco Industry uses to prey on children in local communities. I strongly oppose HB 1484. It would harm our communities and our children for generations to come. I urge you to oppose HB 1484 as well. Thank you, Christy Inskip



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On behalf of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, we ask the committee to oppose HB 1484. This bill lacks the effective protections needed to address today's youth tobacco epidemic and blocks localities from being able to pass and enforce proven policies that would do so. Local governments should be allowed to solve problems and best determine the laws and set standards that reflect the unique views, values and needs of their communities. When state legislators stop communities from passing their own laws, they silence the voice of the people and hurt the communities' health, safety, and economic wellbeing. Instead, state legislators should be working hand-in-hand with local communities to fight against special interests' groups, like the tobacco industry who has a long history of targeting the most vulnerable populations. HB 1484 preempts local communities from passing laws that would truly protect children from deadly tobacco products that benefits no one but the tobacco industry itself. We urge you to do the right thing and vote no on HB 1484. If you truly want to address tobacco usage in Missouri, you must enact policies that are known to protect public health. Please put youth and families ahead of business interests and vote no.



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My main concern is the safety of our youth. I work in the field of Substance Prevention. Delaying first use has proven to drastically cut the chances of dependency. We've known for quite some time that smoking increases your chances of heart disease and stroke – this is why we've advocated for strong regulations on the tobacco industry. The industry is now using legislation like HB 1484 to roll back these restrictions, making it easier to sell these products to kids and doing so with little to no enforcement. Please oppose HB 1484.i. Page 7, section 2: would preempt local governments from creating and enforcing zoning restrictions that stop retailers from selling near schools and daycares.ii. Page 7, section 3: would “preempt, supersede, and nullify any local laws, ordinances, orders, rules, or regulations enacted by any county, municipality, or other political subdivision relating to the minimum age to purchase tobacco products.” Meaning all local Tobacco 21 laws would be done away with by state law



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While tobacco use remains high in Missouri, Big Tobacco is using legislation like HB 1484 to roll back the strong restrictions we have in our community that protect and prevent nicotine addiction. Tobacco use among Missouri youth is **CONSIDERABLY** higher than youth rates in Kansas, Nebraska, and Iowa, and rolling back protections that local communities have deemed helpful and appropriate for their communities would be devastating. By preempting local governments from creating and enforcing zoning restrictions (page 7, section 2), we can't stop the tobacco industry from selling and promoting dangerous products near our schools and daycares. Page 7, section 3, would nullify the ordinances in our cities that are there to protect youth. While raising the age of tobacco to 21 is an effective prevention strategy, HB 1484 is a smokescreen for the tobacco industry to loosen restrictions so they can roll back protections and increase their profits.



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We've known for quite some time that smoking increases your chances of heart disease and stroke – this is why we've advocated for strong regulations on the tobacco industry. Page 7, Lines 3-12 This subsection deals with tobacco retail licensure - it will allow retailers to sell near schools and daycares. The industry spends more than \$9 billion every year on marketing and advertising – a large portion of that goes towards price discounts and promotions for retailers and wholesalers. So, this is a giant marketing strategy that involves the retailers themselves. The closer they can sell to schools, the higher the chances kids are to see these promotions, and the greater the chances are to hook a new generation. Page 7, Lines 13-19 This subsection would “preempt, supersede, and nullify any local laws, ordinances, orders, rules, or regulations enacted by any county, municipality, or other political subdivision relating to the minimum age to purchase tobacco products.” Meaning all local Tobacco 21 laws would be done away with by state law. In our state, enforcement and oversight comes from our local governments and their respective “Tobacco 21” laws, not the state. The tobacco industry knows this, which is why they push for the language you see in this section of the bill. It essentially deregulates them. So, for that reason we are adamantly opposed. You can talk to teachers and students – they will tell you how bad the e-cigarette issue is already. This legislation can only hurt things, not help. Last year our youth advocates were able to talk with House members prior to the hearing. They highlighted over and over again that kids are able to get these products directly from retailers still. So, we want to make sure our local governments have some chance of recourse when that happens. For these reasons, please oppose HB 1484.



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The Missouri Center for Public Health Excellence is concerned about the preemption of the regulation of tobacco at the local levels.



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The bill sponsor has accepted campaign funds from the tobacco industry, as have several members of the House General Laws Committee — the committee to which the bill has been assigned. Monitoring of retailers for sales to minors, along with a meaningful enforcement mechanism, is necessary to reduce youth addictions to nicotine. This bill directly contradicts Missouri's state motto. Please reject this legislation put forward by a shill for the tobacco industry.



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MoAlpha is opposed to any preemption of local public health ordinances to prevent youth tobacco use. Many municipalities have already regulated smoke and smokeless tobacco and this could prevent any future tobacco or similar product regulation that are as of now unforeseen.



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