

Konrad Jackson

From: Courtney Enright
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2016 5:03 PM
To: House Labor and Commerce
Subject: FW: Cigarette Tax Increase

Konrad,

For distribution to the committee at a point of convenience per Representative LeDoux's request.

Thanks,

Courtney Enright

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From: Dave <davewest@gci.net>
Date: February 20, 2016 at 01:38:28 AKST
To: <Representative.Gabrielle.LeDoux@akleg.gov>
Subject: RE: Cigarette Tax Increase

To put it in my perspective, if some government body said that beer and wine was harmful and therefore they were going to tax it at the same rate you've taxed cigarettes, a case of beer would be around \$120 and a case of cheap wine may be around \$80. They'd convince the public that the taxation is for their own good and that everyone should accept the science regardless how shady and full of holes it is. It's a known fact that drinking those beverages could lead to _____ and cost the state untold millions of dollars. They never have been asked, how.

From: Dave [<mailto:davewest@gci.net>]
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2016 3:21 PM
To: 'Representative.Gabrielle.LeDoux@akleg.gov'
Subject: Cigarette Tax Increase
Importance: High

Mrs. LeDoux,

I'd like to urge you to, instead of increasing the already outrageous tobacco tax levied by the Nicotine Nazi's of Alaska, to reduce the current tax to a reasonable level. After all, this is a tax for the sake of taxing, the State of Alaska provides NO SERVICES to me for the money they legally steal.

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