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From: advocacy@mylegislators.com on behalf of David Day <ddd@alaska.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2016 1:17 AM
To: Rep. Kurt Olson
Subject: Please Oppose Tobacco Tax Hikes in Alaska!

Dear Representative Kurt Olson:

I'm disappointed to hear the Alaska State House of Representatives and Senate are considering a proposal that would increase taxes on cigarettes by \$1.00 per pack, raise the tax dip and cigars and would introduce an entirely NEW tax on e-vapor products. This is unreasonable and unfair to adult tobacco consumers who already pay their fair share.

Tax increases on tobacco products will only hurt adult tobacco consumers like me, undermine local small businesses, and threaten our state's economy. This is a bad idea for Alaska. Balancing the state's budget is a responsibility that should be shared by all, not just adult tobacco consumers. Politicians need to stop targeting adult tobacco consumers with higher taxes as an easy way to raise revenue.

I encourage you to please oppose this misguided proposal and stand up against unnecessary, excessive tax increases on tobacco products. I live in your district, this is a very important issue to me and I will remember how you vote.

My wife and I already pay over \$200.00 a month in state and federal tobacco taxes, we pay enough already, no new taxes.

Sincerely,
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