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ASSOCIATION OF ALASKA SCHOOL BOARDS

Advocates for Alaska's Youth

SUBJECT AREA: Child and Youth Advocacy

97-6

PRESERVING THE RIGHTS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO REGULATE TOBACCO

WHEREAS, there is a movement in the United States to enact laws which preempt local governing bodies from adopting or enforcing any ordinance, rule, or regulation concerning the sale, distribution, advertising, display, or promotion of cigarette or tobacco products, and

WHEREAS, preemption would limit the authority of boroughs, cities and villages; and

WHEREAS, local ordinances are more likely to give the citizens a sense of ownership or loyalty to regulations, ultimately resulting in changed social norms related to the specific issue addressed; and

WHEREAS, former US Surgeon General C. Everett Koop has called preemption "nothing more than a devious strategy conceived by the tobacco industry to keep your communities, and therefore your people, from becoming more involved in critical tobacco prevention efforts;" and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that AASB supports the right and authority of local governments to enact their own restrictions on alcohol and tobacco; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that AASB supports local governments' home rule to use their zoning, planning, and other local police powers to control alcohol and tobacco problems, including advertising and access.

Citizens To Protect Kids from Tobacco

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January 8, 1997

The Honorable Con Bunde
Alaska House of Representatives
State Capitol
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Dear Representative Bunde:

Those of us working on the tobacco tax campaign would like to wish you a happy and productive new year and let you know that we look forward to working with you in 1997 to save thousands of lives in the years ahead.

Tobacco issues continue to make headlines in Alaska and around the country, with frequent news stories about proposed FDA regulation of tobacco and implementation of the Synar Amendment by state governments. This letter is intended to clarify that while such efforts are worthwhile, a major tobacco tax increase (\$1 per pack) is clearly the most effective tool we have to reduce tobacco use.

There is no "silver bullet" for ending the tobacco epidemic. A comprehensive approach that includes tax increases, media campaigns, innovative school programs, advertising restrictions, clean indoor air laws, and enforcement of youth access laws should be our goal.

The \$1 per pack tobacco tax increase must be the cornerstone of a comprehensive tobacco control strategy, and should be enacted first. In a report produced by a panel of experts, the National Cancer Institute concluded that "few measures exhibit the speed and magnitude of impact achieved by increasing taxation on tobacco products... Increasing tobacco excise taxes must be considered an essential and primary component of any comprehensive tobacco control program." The \$1 per pack tobacco tax increase will have immediate and dramatic impact on youth smoking and smokeless tobacco rates in every community in the state, without creating any financial drain on the state budget.

While there should be continuing efforts to enforce existing laws against selling tobacco to minors, reducing youth access to tobacco is easier said than done. The goal of the Division of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse is to increase vendor compliance to 80% (from the current rate of 64%), in keeping with the provisions of the federal "Synar" law. However, recent research conducted in Massachusetts shows that even when 80% of stores refuse to sell to minors, kids can still buy tobacco products. The researchers concluded that "compliance rates above 90% must be achieved before the youths in the community begin to have difficulty purchasing tobacco." While this is a worthwhile goal that we support, it is unlikely that we will be able to achieve it any time soon.



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Likewise, **restricting tobacco sales to liquor outlets only, as some have proposed, makes a lot of sense but will be extremely difficult to achieve.** Convenience stores typically make more than half their profits from tobacco sales. Any change in the law will be met with extreme resistance, with the tobacco industry providing financial support to the opposition. Again, the best option to reduce teen smoking is to pass the \$1 per pack tobacco tax increase.

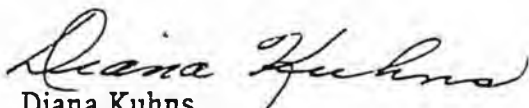
While valuable as part of a comprehensive effort, FDA regulation of tobacco products will not adequately address the tobacco epidemic in Alaska. Even if the regulations are implemented, they will not have the kind of dramatic impact on youth smoking that can be achieved through a major tobacco tax increase.

The proven effectiveness of tobacco taxation, the strong public support for the tax, and the fact that there is no cost to state government are all reasons to support the proposed \$1 per pack tax increase in Alaska. As the *Alaska Journal of Commerce* stated in an editorial last summer:

We can save thousands of lives in Alaska by protecting our kids from tobacco, and the best way to do that is to increase the state cigarette tax...It should be an easy choice and a no-lose situation. We can decrease the deaths from smoking while decreasing the dollars taken from the state savings account to support the budget, and we can reduce our future expenditures on health care.

Please feel free to contact us for more information. We look forward to talking with you soon.

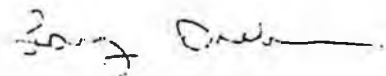
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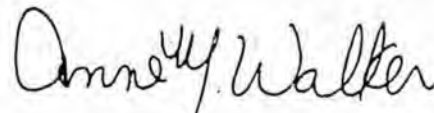
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Finance Committee
 committee name

committee on HB 1 on Tobacco & Cigarette tax, dated _____
 bill/subject

Re: Cigarette tax:

I understand the American Cancer Society supports the cigarette tax. I support whatever the Amer. Cancer Society says on this issue. I believe way too many Alaskans smoke cigarettes. We need to try to discourage young people from starting to smoke. The tax might help in this regard.

Hopefully, the tax funds could be used to help finance health care in Alaska.

Signed: Doug Bartko Dy L. Birtles
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Please enter into the record my testimony to the AK Dept of Revenue
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bill/subject

The cigarette tax is just another band-aid for a bigger problem. Many laws have already been passed that have not worked. Deny people and they will find another way to satisfy their needs. You're creating another market place that you'll have no control ~~under~~ over.

It is not the government's place to always regulate. It's people's choice. I choose to be a non-smoker. Have lived with smokers who decided to stop & they did.

If you pass another tax that is not needed, then at least dedicate to someone not just the children.

Statistics show that all ages are affected by cigarettes (1st & second hand smoke); therefore,

Signed: BARBARA BROADWATER (next page)
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It would be hypocritical to dedicate the
tax collected just to schools ^{for} ^{the} "the children".
After all not all adults smokers have
children in school. That would be a tax
adults would not benefit from. That's
not ~~compassionate~~ compassionate or
logical if you care about ^{the} people's health
& the risk that they take from their own
decision to smoke. Taxation is not
the answer. Put it before the voters.

~~The~~ Your statistics about polls or not
correct. We ~~are~~ ^{were} never polled ~~and~~ and do
not appreciate ~~that~~ not being able to be
included in your numbers. We are registered
voters.



Alaska State Legislature

House Finance Committee

AK Dept. of Revenue

Health, Education & Social Service

Please enter into the record my testimony to the _____ committee name

committee on *Cigarette & HB 1 Tobacco Tax dated 2/14/97 & 1/16/97
bill/subject

I support a tobacco tax because:

1) The higher cost will make cigarettes less attractive to young children/teenagers; especially less attractive to those who have not yet started smoking, but tempted.

2) The higher cost of cigarettes would add one more good reason for smokers to switch to the Nicotine Patches, which are designed to help people stop smoking.

At present, smokers complain that the Nicotine Patches are more expensive than cigarettes themselves, in the short term, so they have no incentive to switch. The tax would equalize the two more.

3) The tax revenue can be used to reimburse the

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State for years of health care cost related to tobacco-caused illnesses.

More importantly, the money can go towards education and intervention programs.

- * Education will alter behavior even if ~~the effect of~~ ^{the effect of} cost doesn't; so why not add the tax for the reason of using the revenue for education? Where else should the education money come from?
- * Of course, smoking is one's free choice, but who's paying for the unreimbursed ambulance + hospital cost? Why not use the tax to pay for this?

Thank you for your attention.

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Bulletin No. 1 January 12, 1996

Smoking Related Mortality in Alaska: 1992-94

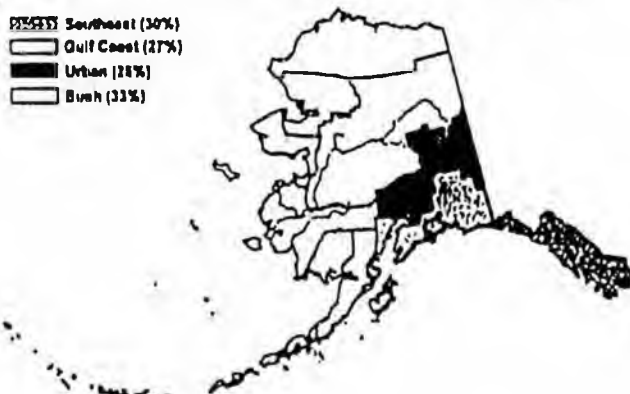
Cigarette Smoking in Alaska

Alaska has one of the highest smoking prevalence rates in the United States. Alaska's smoking rates are similar to those found in Nevada and in the tobacco-growing states¹. Alaska Natives have even higher smoking rates (Table 1). The highest smoking prevalence is found in the Bush region, and the lowest in the Urban region (Figure 1).

Table 1. Smoking Prevalence among Adult Alaskans by Race and Sex

	Alaska Native ⁴	All Races ¹
Men	46.5%	28.1%
Women	39.3%	25.0%

Figure 1. Smoking Prevalence in Alaska²

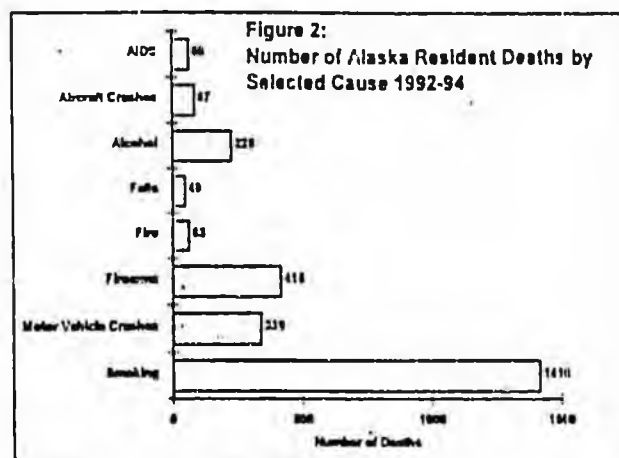


Deaths to Alaska Natives from Smoking

Alaska Natives account for 23.2% (329) of the smoking related deaths, although they account for 16.5% of the state's population.

Comparison to Other Important Causes of Death

The graph below shows how smoking compares to other preventable causes of death in Alaska⁷.



Summary

Each year, smoking kills more Alaskans than AIDS, aircraft crashes, alcohol, falls, fires, firearms and motor vehicle crashes combined. Alaska Natives are at higher risk because of their higher smoking rates.

Tobacco is considered the leading preventable cause of death in the United States⁸. The majority of smokers began smoking before 18 years of age⁹. In the U.S., by the 1980's, almost no regular smoking began after the age of 18⁹. Therefore, efforts to decrease tobacco use in the U.S. are being directed towards school-age children and adolescents, including limiting advertising and access to cigarettes¹⁰. Additional tobacco cessation efforts include developing and enacting strong policies for clean indoor air, increasing excise taxes and increasing educational efforts.

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Deaths Caused by Smoking

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has estimated that each year cigarette smoking results in approximately 419,000 deaths in the United States⁴. Deaths that are related to cigarette smoking include a portion of: cardiovascular disease; cancers of the lung, larynx, oral cavity, esophagus, pancreas, bladder, kidney and cervix; chronic bronchitis, emphysema, and other respiratory deaths⁵. Smoking also results in deaths in the perinatal period because it causes low birth weight infants and preterm delivery.

Using software provided by CDC⁵, we estimate that 1,416 deaths to Alaska residents during 1992-1994 were attributable to smoking, accounting for 19.8% of the 7,159 deaths during that time (Table 2).

Table 2. Total Number of Deaths and Estimated Smoking Related Deaths in Alaska 1992-94

Cause of Death	Total # of Deaths ⁶	Smoking Related Deaths ³	Percent Smoking Related
Cardiovascular	2,010	533	26.5%
Cancers	1,655	546	33.0%
Respiratory	503	260	51.7%
Perinatal (< 12 mos)	204	14	6.9%
Total	7,159	1,416	19.8%

Smoking Related Mortality Among Men and Women in Alaska

Of the 1,402 deaths among adults attributable to smoking, 912 were men, and 490 were women. Historically, men have been smoking longer than women and many smoking deaths are caused by long term use of cigarettes. Because smoking rates are now similar for men and women, women may have higher smoking attributable mortality in the future.



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COSTS OF SMOKING IN ALASKA, 1991

It is estimated that each day 1,100 Americans will die from tobacco use; 3,000 children will smoke their first cigarette. In all, 419,000 smokers died and 1.5 million smokers quit in 1990. They are replaced by new smokers, 90% of whom start to smoke before age 18.¹

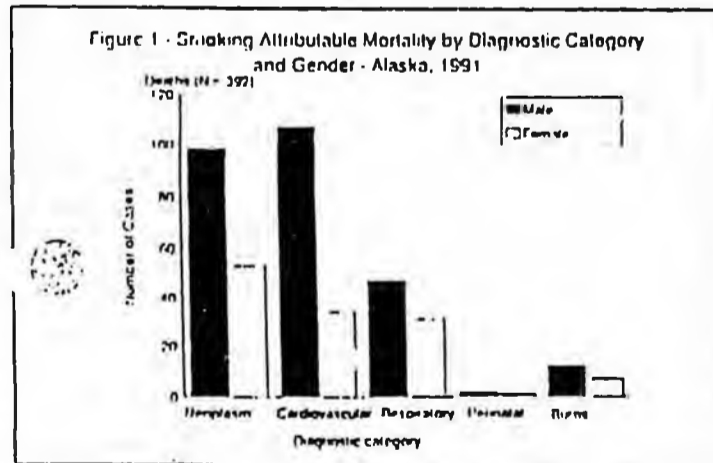
Cigarette smoking has substantial impact on mortality in Alaska. Every day an Alaskan dies due to smoking-attributable causes.

To estimate the impact of cigarette smoking in Alaska in 1991, we used the Smoking-Attributable Mortality, Morbidity, and Economic Cost (SAMMEC) software² distributed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and data from:

- the 1991 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey
- health-care expenditure data (from the Office on Smoking and Health, CDC)
- population estimates by age and sex (Alaska Dept. of Labor) and,
- deaths by age, sex and smoking related diagnostic category (Section of Epidemiology).

RESULTS:

Smoking Attributable Mortality – 19% of the 2,076 Alaskan deaths in 1991 were smoking related. The proportion of all deaths attributable to smoking was higher for males (20%) than for females (16%). For males 40% of the smoking attributable deaths were due to cardiovascular diseases and 37% to neoplasms, whereas for females, 27% of smoking attributable deaths were due to cardiovascular diseases and 42% to neoplasms (Figure 1). Among Alaskans ≥ 35 years of age, 23% of deaths (372/1643) were attributed to cigarette smoking.



Smoking Attributable Years of Potential Life Lost (YPLL) – YPLL are the number of years that the person died prior to their 65th birthday. An average of 4.5 years of life were lost for each person 35 to 65 who died from a smoking related death in 1991.

Smoking Attributable Direct Costs – Direct health-care costs are the costs for the prevention, detection and treatment of smoking-related diseases as well as the cost for rehabilitating smokers suffering from smoking related illnesses. Costs of hospitalization, physicians' services, medications, nursing home care, and other professional services are included. The estimated total for direct costs in 1991 was \$45.6 million for persons ≥ 35 years of age. This is equivalent to \$220 per Alaskan ≥ 35 years of age or \$941 per current smoker ≥ 35 years of age.

Smoking Attributable Indirect Mortality Costs – These costs are calculated as the wages and salaries forfeited by persons who die prematurely from smoking-related causes. An estimated \$67.9 million was lost due to the indirect costs caused by smoking deaths.

Smoking Attributable Indirect Morbidity Costs – These costs include lost earnings and productivity for persons disabled by smoking-related chronic diseases. The estimated cost for indirect morbidity due to smoking was \$14.1 million.

The total estimated smoking attributable cost for Alaskans ≥ 35 years of age in 1991 was \$127.6 million.

DISCUSSION:

Smoking causes substantial mortality, morbidity and economic costs in Alaska. Total estimated smoking attributable costs have increased by 53% since 1989.³ These estimates are conservative since 1989 U.S. Labor Force and earnings data were used to calculate economic costs, which are lower than Alaska annual mean earnings. If Alaska specific health-care costs⁴ are used (instead of OSH health-care national estimates), total costs are greater - \$134 million.

SAMMEC underestimates the impact of smoking for several other reasons: 1) Estimates are based on cigarette smoking prevalence for 1991 which are lower in recent years than in the previous 30 years. The current burden of most chronic diseases linked to smoking reflects previous decades of higher smoking prevalence. 2) Estimates do not include deaths from other conditions (e.g., such as leukemia, and peptic ulcer disease) that may also be associated with smoking, nor do they include mortality caused by other forms of tobacco use (pipes, cigars, and smokeless tobacco) or exposure to environmental tobacco smoke.

To reduce the adverse health impacts of tobacco use, continued progress must be made in reducing tobacco use, especially smoking.

Vigorous efforts are needed to prevent the initiation of smoking, encourage smoking cessation at any age, and protect nonsmokers from the adverse effects of environmental tobacco smoke. Because many factors affect smoking initiation and cessation, multiple approaches are necessary including:

- increasing educational efforts
- reducing minors' access to tobacco products
- increasing tobacco excise taxes
- implementing more extensive and intensive counseling by health-care providers on smoking prevention and cessation
- developing and enacting strong policies and laws for clean indoor air
- eliminating advertising, especially advertising targeted toward persons less than 18 years of age.

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February 20, 1997

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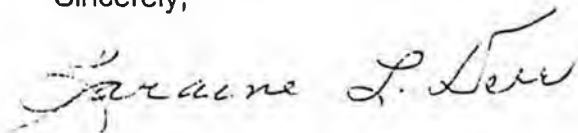
Re: Support, Cigarette Tax Legislation

Dear Representative Bunde:

The Alaska State Hospital and Nursing Home Association (ASHNHA) is dedicated to providing health services and to advocate for those programs that promote and encourage the enactment and promulgation of just and reasonable laws and regulations and improve the health status of the population we serve. In keeping with its mission, the Board of Directors voted on February 6, 1997, to support cigarette tax legislation.

Tobacco use is a major risk factor for diseases of the heart and blood vessels, chronic bronchitis and emphysema, cancers of the lung, pharynx, oral cavity, esophagus, pancreas and bladder as well as other problems such as respiratory infections and stomach ulcers. Because of the severe impacts on health services in the state, ASHNHA is a proponent of the cigarette taxes.

Sincerely,



Laraine L. Derr
President/CEO

ALASKA STATE

HOSPITAL & NURSING HOME

ASSOCIATION

Resolution

Title: Support for New State Public Health Laboratory Facility

WHEREAS, Alaska's Public Health Laboratories provide necessary services supporting disease control and prevention programs, maternal, child and family health programs and epidemiology programs; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's Public Health Laboratories support surveillance activities, outbreak investigations, and monitor the emergence of new infectious agents and the reemergence of infectious agents of public health importance; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's Public Health Laboratories also assist in assuring high quality laboratory work throughout the state by providing reference services, quality assurance materials, consultation, protocols, and training as well as providing a national surveillance link with the Centers for Disease Control; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's Public Health Laboratories generate information that serves the needs of epidemiologist, regulators, policy makers, the medical community, and the ultimate beneficiary, the public; and

WHEREAS, since 1985, thirteen studies have assessed the deficiencies and deteriorating condition of the state's Public Health Laboratories documenting significant health and safety risks caused by improper ventilation and poor layout of lab spaces; and

WHEREAS, the laboratories' current facilities are unable to meet the demands of changing analytical technologies and face serious mechanical system and structural inadequacies for conducting laboratory testing.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alaska State Hospital & Nursing Home Association supports the concept of a new State Public Health Laboratory in Anchorage. This new laboratory will incorporate the current activities of the Juneau and Anchorage laboratories and will also house the State Medical Examiner. This new laboratory will integrate and adequately house departmental laboratory functions, allow for future growth and provide for a satisfactory level of services at a lower cost.

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"Fostering Native Self-Determination in Primary Care, Prevention and Health Promotion"

YUKON-KUSKOKWIM HEALTH CORPORATION

Representative Con Bunde
Room 104, State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

February 8, 1997

Dear Representative Bunde:

On behalf of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation, the largest native health corporation in the state of Alaska, I strongly urge you to vote in favor of the tax on tobacco products as put forth in House Bill No. 1.

I have here enclosed a packet of information which highlights:

- 1) the high rates of tobacco use among Alaskan youth;
- 2) the number and rate of new cases of digestive and respiratory tract cancers;
- 3) the number and rate of deaths due of digestive and respiratory tract cancers; and
- 4) the positive effect of taxation on the purchase and consumption of tobacco products.

Because many of the harmful effects of tobacco use are well documented, and because tobacco is the leading cause of preventable death and disease, and because studies have shown that one of the public health strategies that makes a difference is taxation, I strongly encourage the 20th legislature to do their part to help achieve our common mission of improving the health of the people of Alaska.

The passing of this tobacco tax will place this state in a leadership role, nationwide, by demonstrating our seriousness of effort to stem the growing population of tobacco users.

Help to protect our children's future. Please support House Bill No. 1.

Sincerely,

Gene Peltola, President / CEO
Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation

In Support of
House Bill Number 1:

THE TAX ON TOBACCO

Supporting Documents

- State of Alaska Epidemiology Bulletin - Jan. 21, 1997
- Abstract - "Tobacco Use Among Alaska Youth"
- Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 1995 - Tobacco Use Data
- Abstract "The Prevalence of Tobacco Use Among Alaska Adults"
- Abstract "Smoking Attributable Mortality and Economic Costs in Alaska 1992-94"
- Cancer in Alaska Natives: A 25 Year Report
- Abstract "Prevention That Works"
- Saving Lives and Raising Revenue: The Case for Major Tobacco Tax Increases in Alaska



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Tobacco Use Among Alaska Youth

Importance of Decreasing Youth Tobacco Use

Adolescence is a time when individuals do not often consider long term health effects of their behaviors. Once a person starts using tobacco, stopping the habit is not easy because of the addictive properties of nicotine. The vast majority (83.7%) of Alaska smokers began smoking between the ages of 10 and 20 years.¹ Therefore, one of the major strategies for reducing tobacco related deaths and illnesses is to discourage youths from starting to use tobacco.²

Tobacco Use among Alaska High School Students³

Alaska high school students are more likely to be frequent smokers and to use smokeless tobacco than are U.S. students (Table 1). Alaska Native students have even higher rates of tobacco use.

Table 1. Tobacco use among high school students, Alaska and U.S., 1995

	Alaska	Alaska Natives	U.S.
	Percent of Students		
Ever Tried Cigarettes	72.1	90.7	71.3
Current Smokers ¹	36.5	61.9	34.8
Frequent smokers ²	21.1	43.7	16.1
Smokeless Tobacco ³	15.6	22.5	11.4

¹Used at least once in past 30 days

²Used 20 or more of past 30 days

³Chewing tobacco or snuff on at least one of past 30 days

Smoking rates are similar for boys and girls. However, boys are more likely to use smokeless tobacco (23.5% of boys and 6.7% of girls).

Tobacco Use Among Alaska Middle School Students⁴

Over half of middle school students (grades 7 and 8) report having tried smoking at least once (58.3%); 24.8% report smoking on at least one day in the previous 30 days; 5.6% report smoking on 20 or more of the previous 30 days, and 30.3% report having tried smokeless tobacco.

Health Implications

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 32% of youths who become regular smokers in early adulthood will die prematurely of a smoking-related death.⁵ The estimate is based on data from studies of large populations of smokers and never-smokers.

Assuming that current smoking rates persist, 56,246 Alaska youths currently aged 0-17 will eventually become smokers.⁶ Among these smokers, 17,999 (32%) will die prematurely from a smoking-related illness.

Interventions to Prevent Tobacco Use among Youth

The 1994 Surgeon General's Report *Preventing Tobacco Use among Young People* states "Most of the American public strongly favor policies that might prevent tobacco use among young people. The policies include tobacco education in the schools, restriction on tobacco advertising and promotions, a complete ban on smoking by anyone on school grounds, prohibition of the sale of tobacco products to minors and earned tax increases on tobacco products."⁷

Effects of a Tobacco Tax

Economists use the concept of "price elasticity of demand" to describe the sensitivity of consumption to changes in price. The price elasticity of demand is defined as the percentage change in consumption that results from a 1 percent increase in price.⁸ A recent analysis based on sampling over 110,000 youths across the United States found a youth smoking price elasticity of -

0.675, meaning that for every 1% increase in the price of cigarettes, youth smoking would decrease by 0.675%, an estimate consistent with other studies.⁸ Therefore, a \$1.00 increase per pack of cigarettes would prevent 5704 of the projected 17,999 smoking-related deaths (Table 2). A larger increase would save more lives; conversely, a smaller increase would save fewer lives (Figure 1).

Table 2. Summary of projected health gains due to tobacco price increases in Alaska⁹

	No change	Price increase \$1.00 per pack	Price increase \$1.00 per pack
% ↑ in price	0	46.95%	93.90%
% ↓ in youth smoking	0	31.69%	63.38%
Projected # of smokers ¹	56,246	38,422	20,597
Projected deaths ²	17,999	12,295	6,591
Deaths prevented ³	0	5,704	11,408

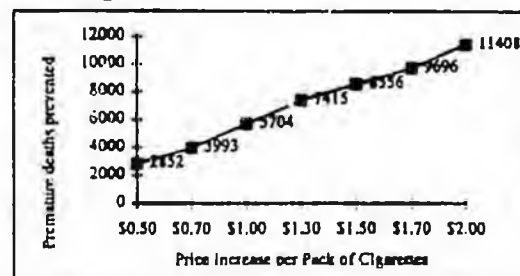
¹Assumes an average cost of \$2.13 per pack of 20 cigarettes in Alaska

²Number of youth currently aged 0-17 who would eventually become smokers

³Premature smoking-related deaths, calculated as 32% of projected smokers

⁴Premature smoking-related deaths prevented, calculated as 17999 - projected deaths

Figure 1. Number of premature smoking-related deaths prevented by price increase per pack of cigarettes⁷



Summary

The decisions that children and adolescents make about experimenting with tobacco often result in a life-long addiction. Among Alaska high school students, 21.1% are already frequent smokers. The use of tobacco begins even before high school. Alaska Native youth are disproportionately affected by tobacco. Tobacco use may be even more prevalent among youth not in school. Studies in the U.S. and Canada have clearly shown the effectiveness of increased price in reducing youth consumption.⁹ Increasing the price by at least \$1.00 per pack would prevent many premature tobacco-related deaths among Alaska youth currently aged 0-17 years, as well as the illness and suffering that would precede the deaths.

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Tobacco Use Among Alaska Youth

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ABSTRACT

The Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) is a national school-based survey used to monitor health risk behaviors that contribute to the leading causes of mortality, morbidity and social problems among youth and adults in the United States. Tobacco use is one of the behaviors monitored. Both high school and middle school surveys were administered to a representative group of Alaska high school and middle school students for the first time in 1995. Surveys were administered in a confidential and anonymous manner, taking care to assure student privacy. A total of 1,634 high school students and 1,265 middle school students completed surveys.

The survey found that Alaska high school students have smoking rates higher than the national rate and that Alaska Native youth have even higher smoking rates. Furthermore, smoking is not uncommon among Alaska middle school students.

Among high school students, 36.5% were current smokers (had smoked in the past 30 days) and 21.1% had smoked on 20 or more of the previous 30 days. Boys were more likely than girls to report having used chewing tobacco or snuff in the 30 days prior to the survey (23.5% of boys and 6.7% of girls). Smokeless tobacco use increased with grade level so that 29.1% of high school senior boys had used smokeless tobacco products within the previous 30 days. Over 60% of Alaska Native students reported smoking in the previous 30 days, 43.7% reported smoking 20 or more of the previous 30 days and 22.5% reported using chewing tobacco or snuff in the previous 30 days. Over half of middle school students reported having tried smoking at least once; about one-fourth smoked at least one day in the past 30 days and 5.6% smoked on 20 or more of the past 30 days.

INTRODUCTION

The Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) was implemented by the Alaska Division of Public Health and the Alaska Department of Education in 1995 in cooperation with the National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) (1). The YRBS is a national survey developed by the Division of Adolescent and School Health at CDC in collaboration with 71 state and local departments of education and 19 federal agencies. The survey is a component of a larger national effort to assess priority health risk behaviors that contribute to the leading causes of mortality, morbidity and social problems among youth and adults in the United States. The YRBS survey examines six categories of adolescent behavior: behaviors that result in unintentional and intentional injuries; tobacco use; alcohol and other drug use; sexual behaviors; dietary behaviors, and physical activity. We report information from the Alaska YRBS about smoking and other tobacco use among Alaska youth.

METHODS

The YRBS was administered to a sample of Alaska high school (grade 9-12) and middle school (grades 7-8) students during the spring of 1995. The high school survey consisted of 84 multiple choice questions; the middle school of 54 multiple choice questions. Students filled out the surveys during regular class time.

All public schools in Alaska with students in grades 9-12 for the high school survey and students in grades 7-8 for the middle school survey were eligible to be selected in the sample. Special education and English as a second language classes were excluded at the classroom level. Group home, correspondence and correctional schools were also excluded from the sample. A sufficient number of students were selected to give a $\pm 5\%$ margin of error for each question.

A two-stage sample design was used. In the first stage sampling, schools were selected from all public schools at the high school and middle school level in proportion to their enrollment size. For the second stage

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Section 2: Tobacco Use

BACKGROUND

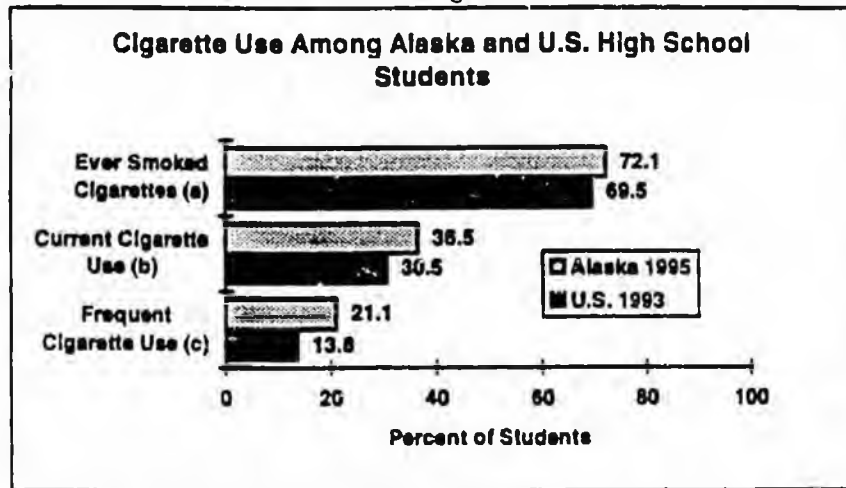
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YRBS RESULTS

Cigarette Smoking

Alaska high school students are more likely to be current smokers and frequent smokers, than are U.S. students. Smoking rates are similar for boys and girls.

1995 Alaska & 1993 U.S. YRBS-High School Results

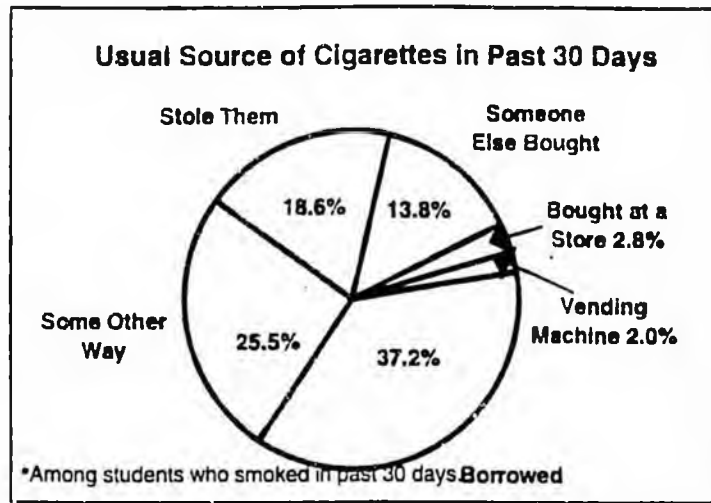


- a) Ever tried cigarette smoking.
- b) Smoked on at least one of the 30 days prior to the survey.
- c) Smoked on at least 20 of the 30 days prior to the survey.

Where are Students Getting Cigarettes?

The most common way middle school students obtain cigarettes is by borrowing them from someone else (37.2% of smokers); very few middle school smokers purchased cigarettes themselves at a store or vending machine in the 30 days prior to the survey.

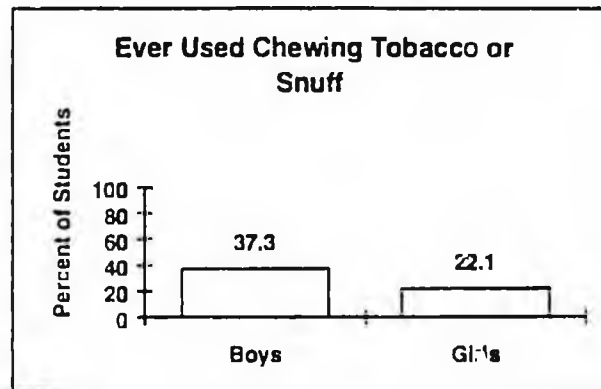
1995 Alaska YRBS-Middle School Results



Chewing Tobacco and Snuff

Boys are more likely to report ever having used chewing tobacco or snuff (37.3%) and over 20% of girls have also used smokeless tobacco products.

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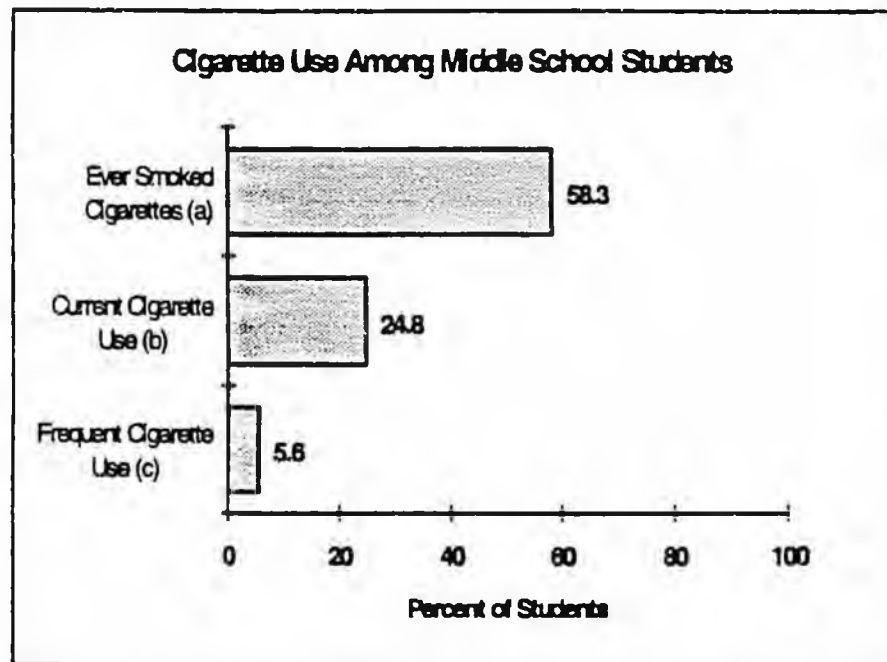
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The Prevalence of Tobacco Use Among Alaska Adults

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ABSTRACT

The Alaska Division of Public Health monitors the prevalence of smoking and other tobacco use among Alaska adults through the Alaska Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, a telephone survey performed in cooperation with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). A total of approximately 1530 interviews are completed each year in Alaska by specially trained interviewers.

The prevalence of smoking among Alaska adults in 1994 (28.9%) was second highest in the U.S. Alaska Natives have higher smoking rates (42.9%). Overall, smoking rates have declined in the last three decades nationally. However, in recent years, little change has been found in the prevalence of smoking among adults. Alaska's rate of smokeless tobacco use has also been higher than the national rate of use. The majority of Alaska smokers (83.7%) began smoking between 10 and 20 years of age. In 1994, an estimated 121,000 Alaska adults aged 18 and older were current smokers.

INTRODUCTION

Because tobacco is one of the leading preventable causes of death and disease in the U.S. and in Alaska, the Alaska Division of Public Health monitors the prevalence of smoking and other tobacco use in Alaska through the Alaska Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS). The Alaska Division of Public Health implemented the BRFSS in 1990 with a point-in-time survey and has collected data continuously since January 1991. The survey is performed in cooperation with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and gathers state based information about health related behaviors of Alaska adults through an ongoing telephone survey.

We report information from the Alaska BRFSS about smoking and other tobacco use among Alaska adults.

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METHODS

Alaska is one of the 50 states or territories participating in the nationwide BRFSS. Specially trained interviewers conduct 128 interviews each month using a standard BRFSS questionnaire. Interviews are conducted over the telephone using randomly selected telephone numbers. Respondents are selected from among the adult members of the household (age 18 years and older). A total of approximately 1530 interviews are completed each year in Alaska. Data are analyzed by the CDC and the Alaska Division of Public Health, and are weighted to adjust the survey sample to represent the state adult population. Alaska uses a stratified sampling design, in which the state is divided into four regions.

The BRFSS does not include persons living in institutions, such as dormitories, barracks or nursing homes. In addition, households without telephones are excluded. Telephone coverage is about 92% in Alaska although coverage varies by region (1).

Current smokers are defined as those who have ever smoked 100 cigarettes and who smoke now. In this report, we use the 1994 BRFSS data unless otherwise stated (2).

RESULTS

1994 Results

The prevalence of smoking among Alaska adults in 1994 (28.9%) was second highest in the U.S.; Nevada had the highest prevalence (29.1%). The national range was 15.0%-29.1%, with a median of 22.6% (3). Men were more likely to be smokers than were women (31.8% of men versus 25.7% of women). The age group with the highest smoking prevalence rates (37.6%) is 18-24 years.

Married persons were less likely to be smokers than persons who were divorced, widowed or never married (Table 1). Education was strongly related to smoking status (Table 2). Only 10% of college graduates reported smoking as compared to 44.5% of those with less than a high school education. Employment is also related to smoking; individuals who reported being out of work were most likely to be smokers (Table 3).

Smoking Attributable Mortality and Economic Costs in Alaska 1992-94

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ABSTRACT

Tobacco is one of the leading preventable cause of death in the United States and Alaska. Alaska has one of the highest smoking prevalences. The Smoking-Attributable Mortality, Morbidity and Economic Cost software developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention was used to estimate the deaths and economic impact due to smoking in Alaska.

In Alaska during the three year period 1992-94, 1416 deaths were estimated to be attributable to smoking, accounting for 19.8% of the 7159 deaths during that time. Direct medical care costs in 1993 due to smoking related illnesses were estimated at \$96.5 million. Additional smoking related costs include indirect mortality costs of \$183.2 million and indirect morbidity costs of \$15.9 million. The total economic cost attributable to smoking related illness for 1993 is estimated to be \$295.6 million. In summary, for the time period 1992-94, smoking was estimated to result in 470 deaths per year and in economic costs of almost \$300 million per year.

INTRODUCTION

Tobacco is one of the leading preventable cause of death in the United States (1). The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimate that smoking kills approximately 419,000 people in the U.S. each year (2). Deaths that are related to cigarette smoking include a portion of: cardiovascular disease; cancers of the lung, larynx, oral cavity, esophagus, pancreas, bladder, kidney and cervix; chronic bronchitis, emphysema, and other respiratory deaths (2,3). Smoking also results in deaths in the perinatal period because maternal smoking causes a portion of low birth weight infants and preterm deliveries, and has been associated with SIDS.

Alaska has one of the highest smoking prevalence rates in the United States. Alaska's smoking rates (28.1% among men and 25.0% among women) are similar to those found in Nevada and in the tobacco-growing states (4,5). Alaska Natives (46.5% among men and 39.3% among women) have even higher smoking rates (6).

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To estimate the deaths and economic impact of smoking in Alaska, we used the Smoking-Attributable Mortality, Morbidity and Economic Cost (SAMMEC) software developed by CDC (3). SAMMEC uses attributable risk formulas to estimate the deaths from neoplastic, cardiovascular, respiratory, and pediatric deaths associated with cigarette smoking. SAMMEC software uses relative risks for current and former smokers for each of the causes of death shown in Table 1.

METHODS

Mortality

SAMMEC was used to estimate the deaths attributable to smoking for Alaska adults (age \geq 35 years) and infants (age $<$ 1 year) using the 1992-94 mortality data for Alaska. Age-specific smoking prevalences for all races were obtained from the 1994 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey (7). Alaska Native prevalence rates were obtained from the 1991-93 combined data from the Alaska Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey (6) (Table 2).

Economic Costs

Direct health care costs are the costs for prevention and treatment of smoking related diseases. CDC has been using a new method to calculate direct medical care costs which has not yet been included in the SAMMEC software (8). CDC used the method to estimate that in 1990, \$76 million was spent in Alaska on smoking related illnesses, which represented 6.13% of Alaska's total health care costs for that year (9,10). In order to estimate the 1993 direct health care costs for Alaska, that percentage was applied to the total medical care costs estimated for 1993. Nationally, about 7.1% of health care costs are attributable to smoking (11).

The SAMMEC program was used to calculate the indirect mortality costs, which are the foregone wages and salaries for persons who die prematurely from smoking related causes for 1993. The national 1990 expected lifetime earnings and housekeeping services by age and sex were used. Indirect morbidity costs were also estimated using SAMMEC, which are the lost earnings and productivity for persons disabled by smoking related illnesses.

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Average Annual Age-Adjusted^a Cancer Incidence Rates per 100,000Ratio of Alaska Native 1989-93 Incidence Rates to U.S. 1989-1992^a

Site	Males			Females		
	Alaska Rate	U.S. Rate (White)	Rate Ratio	Alaska Rate	U.S. Rate (White)	Rate Ratio
All Sites	422.2	491.6	0.9	350.9	352.0	1.0
Oral Cavity & Pharynx	26.4	15.6	1.7	9.9	6.1	1.6
Salivary Gland	#	1.2		#	0.8	
Nasopharynx	15.9	0.6	27.8 **	#	0.2	
Gum & Other Oral Cavity	#	2.6		#	1.4	
Digestive	144.1	92.5	1.6 **	104.1	59.6	1.7 **
Esophagus	9.2	5.8	1.6	#	1.6	
Stomach	28.9	9.8	3.0 **	8.9	4.1	2.2
Colon & Rectum	81.0	57.8	1.4	70.1	39.4	1.8 *
Colon	68.3	39.8	1.7 *	54.0	29.3	1.8 *
Rectosigmoid Junction	#	6.2		4.2	3.7	1.1
Rectum	9.1	11.7	0.8	11.9	6.4	1.9
Liver	7.2	3.9	1.9	#	1.6	
Gallbladder	#	0.6		3.7	1.3	2.8
Other Biliary	5.1	1.4	3.8	#	1.0	
Pancreas	6.4	10.1	0.6	12.9	7.7	1.7
Respiratory	103.5	90.2	1.1	49.5	45.2	1.1
Lung & Bronchus	97.4	79.8	1.2	48.7	42.7	1.1
Larynx	5.4	7.7	0.7	#	1.6	
Bones & Joints	#	1.0		#	0.8	
Soft Tissue	#	2.6		#	1.8	
Melanoma of Skin	#	15.9	♦	#	11.4	
Breast	#	0.9		86.5	113.0	0.8
Female Genital				45.5	49.6	0.9
Cervix uteri				14.5	8.0	1.8
Corpus uteri/Uterus, nos				10.2	22.5	0.5
Ovary				16.0	15.9	1.0
Male Genital	76.8	153.7	0.5 **			
Prostate	69.8	147.4	0.5 **			
Testis	4.2	5.3	0.8			
Urinary	26.6	45.7	0.6	15.3	14.9	1.0
Bladder	4.5	31.9	0.1 **	#	8.1	
Kidney & Renal Pelvis	20.1	12.7	1.6	13.7	6.3	2.2
Eye & Orbit	#	0.9		#	0.6	
Brain & Nervous System	#	8.2		#	5.6	
Endocrine	#	3.3		6.9	7.4	0.9
Thyroid	#	2.8		6.9	6.9	1.0
Lymphomas	7.2	22.7	0.3 *	8.6	15.2	0.6
Hodgkin's	#	3.5		#	2.7	
Non-Hodgkin's	6.4	19.3	0.3	7.8	12.4	0.6
Multiple Myeloma	4.2	5.2	0.8	#	3.3	
Leukemia	5.0	13.7	0.4	4.7	8.0	0.6
Ill Defined & Unspecified	18.3	11.7	1.6	11.2	8.9	1.3

^a Rates are age-adjusted to the 1970 U.S. standard population.

* U.S. data from SEER program, National Cancer Institute, 1974-1992

Rates not shown for less than five cases

* Statistically significant at the 95% C.I.; ** statistically significant at the 99% C.I.

♦ Alaska Native rate significantly lower than US

Average Annual Age-Adjusted^a Incidence Rates per 100,000
Ratio of Alaska Native 1989-93 Incidence Rates to U.S. 1989-92^b
By Ethnicity and Sex

Males

	Aleut			Eskimo			Indian		
	No.	Alaska Rate	AK : US Rate Ratio	No.	Alaska Rate	AK : US Rate Ratio	No.	Alaska Rate	AK : US Rate Ratio
All Sites	64	456.7	0.9	231	394.2	0.8	187	444.1	0.9
Nasopharynx	1	#		15	25.1	41.8 **	4	#	
Stomach	4	#		25	39.4	4.0 **	7	17.1	1.7
Colon/Rectum	10	76.7	1.3	48	88.7	1.5	29	71.1	1.2
Liver	0	#		7	9.0	2.3	3	#	
Lung/Bronchus	15	112.0	1.4	56	105.4	1.3	31	76.7	1.0
Prostate	7	59.4	0.4	15	28.1	0.2 **	51	130.5	0.9
Leukemia	5	16.3	1.2	3	#		3	#	

Females

	Aleut			Eskimo			Indian		
	No.	Alaska Rate	AK : US Rate Ratio	No.	Alaska Rate	AK : US Rate Ratio	No.	Alaska Rate	AK : US Rate Ratio
All Sites	67	382.2	1.1	219	321.0	0.9	210	376.3	1.1
Colon/Rectum	10	66.2	1.7	53	85.0	2.2 **	24	52.5	1.3
Lung/Bronchus	14	82.9	1.9	25	41.3	1.0	21	44.2	1.0
Breast	17	104.3	0.9	43	59.3	0.5 *	70	114.7	1.0
Cervix	3	#		11	12.6	1.6	14	18.9	2.4
Lymphoma	3	#		4	#		6	11.2	0.7

^a Rates are age-adjusted to the 1970 U.S. standard population.

^b U.S. data from SEER program, National Cancer Institute, 1974-1992

Rates not shown for less than five cases

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Average Annual Age-Adjusted* Cancer Mortality Rates per 100,000
Ratio of Alaska Native Cancer Mortality Rates 1989-93 to US 1988-1992

Males

<u>Site</u>	<u>No. Deaths</u>	<u>Alaska Native Mortality Rate</u>	<u>US Mortality Rate[†]</u>	<u>Alaska:US Rate Ratio</u>
All Sites	247	210.8	212.8	1.0
Oral Cavity/Pharynx	21	17.4	4.1	4.2 **
Nasopharynx	20	16.4	0.3	54.7 **
Digestive	81	68.3	49.8	1.4
Esophagus	9	7.9	5.3	1.5
Stomach	25	20.6	6.1	3.4 *
Colon & Rectum	29	24.9	22.9	1.1
Liver	9	6.1	3.8	1.6
Gallbladder	4	3.8	0.5	7.6
Pancreas	5	5.0	9.7	0.5
Lung & Bronchus	72	65.8	72.5	0.9
Male Genital	10	8.9	24.4	0.4
Prostate	8	7.2	24.0	0.3 *
Urinary	18	16.3	11.0	1.5
Bladder	3	2.8	5.8	0.5
Kidney & Renal Pelvis	15	13.5	5.0	2.7
Lymphomas	5	3.9	8.8	0.4
Leukemia	7	3.3	8.5	0.4
Ill Defined & Unspecified	24	19.5	14.3	1.4

Females

<u>Site</u>	<u>No. Deaths</u>	<u>Alaska Native Mortality Rate</u>	<u>US Mortality Rate[†]</u>	<u>Alaska:US Rate Ratio</u>
All Sites	236	177.2	140.0	1.3
Oral Cavity/Pharynx	9	7.4	1.6	4.6
Nasopharynx	5	4.1	0.1	41.0 **
Digestive	58	51.9	30.0	1.7 *
Esophagus	3	2.3	1.2	1.9
Stomach	8	5.1	2.7	1.9
Colon & Rectum	30	24.0	15.3	1.6
Liver	5	3.5	1.8	1.9
Gallbladder	5	3.8	0.8	4.8
Pancreas	15	11.6	6.9	1.7
Lung & Bronchus	55	43.0	31.8	1.4
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Ill Defined & Unspecified	19	14.6	9.5	1.5

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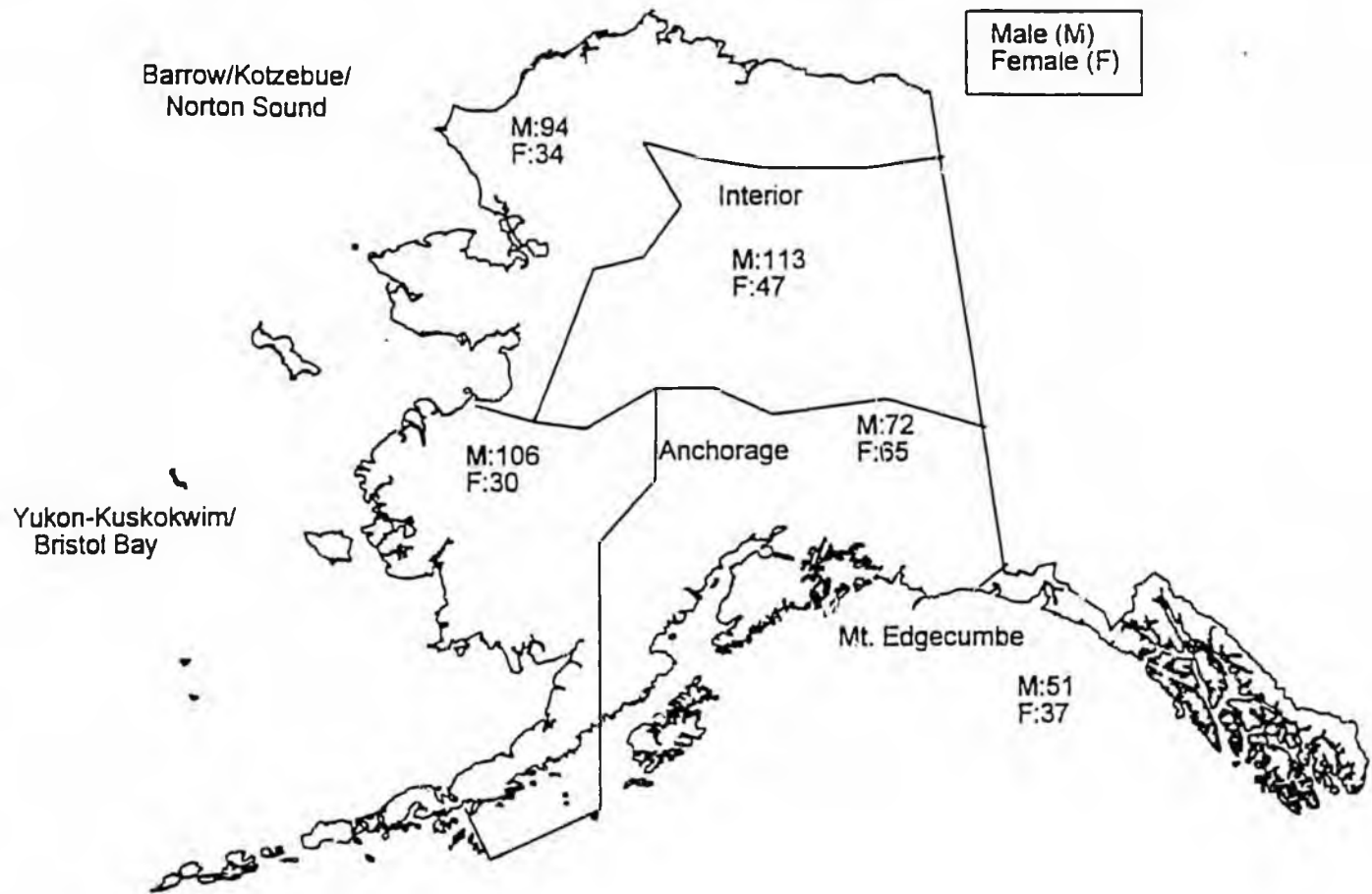
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Average Annual Age-Adjusted Cancer Incidence Rates

Alaska Natives 1969-1993

Lung and Bronchus



Service Unit	Male		Female	
	Cases	Rate	Cases	Rate
Anchorage	84	72	79	65
Barrow/Kotzebue/Norton Sound	77	94	26	34
Yukon-Kuskokwim/Bristol Bay	116	106	35	30
Interior	47	113	23	47
Mt. Edgecumbe	32	51	23	37

Prevention That Works

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ABSTRACT

The solution to the problem of tobacco use is complicated when adolescents are faced with numerous risk factors. Alaska has a partnership between federal, state, and private interest groups and individuals who are committed to addressing the problem. This partnership is being expanded through the creation of additional local alliances. Each of the partners has influenced state policies on the control of the use of tobacco products. Because of the difficulty in changing adolescent behavior through education and information there is a need to decrease access to the offending products. A proven way to decrease access and adolescent use of tobacco products is raising the cost of the products through higher excise taxes.

THE PROBLEM

Simply stated, the problem is the increased economic burden to the state and to individuals, decreased quality of life, increased morbidity and early demise associated with tobacco use. It is difficult to imagine anyone who is not at least aware of the basic problem.

Unfortunately, we have a major hiatus between knowledge and practice. I recently had the good fortune to hear Judge Dennis A. Challeen (1) lecture on how people of good sense end up in court. The good judge starts with the explanation that you and most readers of this article are NORPs. A NORP is a normal ordinary responsible person. We take information and process it in a way that leads to the correct choice. Unfortunately, most NORPs undergo NORP WARPS. These are best described as out of character behavior followed by self-correction and return to responsibility. It is during these WARPS that NORPs commit acts that can get them in trouble with the law or other standards set by society. Think of the loyal and faithful husband who was caught in a compromising position the one time he wandered beyond the bounds of holy matrimony. He can be paying for that action for the rest of his life.

This gets us to the underlying cause of THE PROBLEM. Teens are JUNIOR NORPs experiencing a MEGA NORP WARP. This is the time in which they are most

vulnerable to high risk experimentation. Nearly 84% of Alaskan adults who smoke started smoking between the ages of 10 and 20. In Alaska, 27% of 12th grade girls and 18% of 12th grade boys reported daily use of cigarettes in a 1989 survey (2).

A SOLUTION

Just imagine if we had no automobiles and roads. The consequence would be that we would have no auto accidents and no traffic violations. The same can be said for tobacco and problems related to its use. However, automobiles, roads, and tobacco will be with us until we come up with a better means of daily transportation and a substance that is equally addictive and as well financed as tobacco.

Tobacco industry advertising has been extremely successful in affecting teenage use of tobacco. (3) Education efforts have not been equally efficient in reversing the trend. Limiting access to tobacco, alcohol, unhealthy practices and high risk behaviors are effective ways to assist our JUNIOR NORPs through the MEGA NORP WARP.

An analysis of countries around the world shows the powerful relationship between price and consumption. (4) The Canadian experience has demonstrated a direct negative correlation between increased tobacco tax and teenage use of cigarettes (Figure 1).

FEDERAL POLICY

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Commissioner David Kessler has called smoking addiction among young people "a pediatric disease" and an "epidemic." There has been no progress in reducing teenage smoking rates in the last decade despite continuing progress against adult smoking. The most recent data indicate that smoking among young people actually increased since 1991, with the largest increase among the youngest smokers. There was a 30% increase in smoking among 8th graders between 1991 and 1994. Between 1970 and 1986, the use of snuff increased 15 times and the use of chewing tobacco increased four times among male adolescents ages 17-19. (5)

On August 10, 1995, President Clinton announced proposed rules that will allow the FDA to affect the sale

(1) Director, Division of Public Health, State of Alaska, Dept. of Health & Social Services, Juneau, AK 99801.

Tobacco Tax Rates in Other States

STATE CIGARETTE EXCISE TAX RATES in cents per pack of 20, as of January 1, 1997

Washington	82.5	Pennsylvania	31.0
Massachusetts	76.0	Alaska	29.0*
Michigan	75.0	Idaho	28.0
Oregon	68.0	Utah	26.5
District of Columbia	65.0	New Hampshire	25.0
Hawaii	60.0	Delaware	24.0
Arizona	58.0	Kansas	24.0
New York	56.0	Ohio	24.0
Rhode Island	56.0	Oklahoma	23.0
Connecticut	50.0	New Mexico	21.0
Minnesota	48.0	Colorado	20.0
Illinois	44.0	Louisiana	20.0
North Dakota	44.0	Mississippi	18.0
Vermont	44.0	Montana	18.0
Wisconsin	44.0	Missouri	17.0
Texas	41.0	West Virginia	17.0
New Jersey	40.0	Alabama	16.5
California	37.0	Indiana	15.5
Maine	37.0	Tennessee	13.0
Iowa	36.0	Georgia	12.0
Maryland	36.0	Wyoming	12.0
Nevada	35.0	South Carolina	7.0
Nebraska	34.0	North Carolina	5.0
Florida	33.9	Kentucky	3.0
South Dakota	33.0	Virginia	2.5
Arkansas	31.5		



*Alaska's tax last raised in 1939.

Tobacco Taxes and Kids

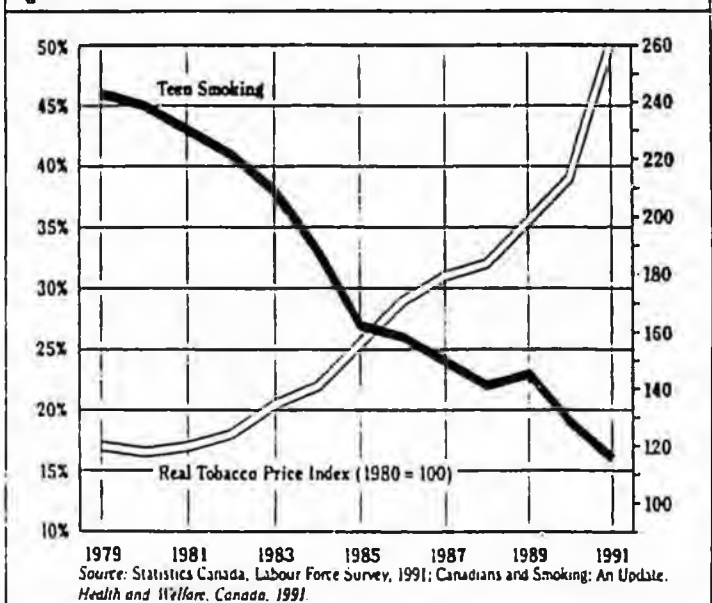
"There is widespread agreement ... that few measures exhibit the speed and magnitude of impact achieved by increasing taxation on tobacco products. [I]ncreasing tobacco excise taxes must be considered an essential and primary component of any comprehensive tobacco control program."

— *The Impact of Cigarette Excise Taxes on Smoking Among Children and Adults*
National Cancer Institute (August 1993)

EVERY DAY IN THE UNITED STATES, ABOUT 3,000 CHILDREN JOIN THE RANKS OF CIGARETTE SMOKERS. The average age is 14.5 years old. Of these 3,000 new smokers, we can expect that 30 will be murdered, 60 will die in traffic accidents, and 1,000 will be killed from smoking.¹

- **Adults don't start smoking — kids do.** Some 89% of adults who smoke began using cigarettes by or at age 18.² If children can be dissuaded from smoking they almost always lose interest by the time they reach 19, greatly reducing their chance of premature death.
- **Youth smoking and smokeless tobacco use rates in Alaska are higher than the national average.** In 1995, 36.5% of high school students were identified as current smokers; 23.5% of the high school boys were identified as current users of chewing tobacco.³
- **As tobacco taxes are increased, youth consumption will drop.** Research shows that a price increase of 10% in cigarettes can be expected to produce a decrease in consumption by youth of 10% or more. A substantial part of the decline is a result of children who will not initiate smoking at higher prices.⁴
- **Children are more influenced by tobacco prices than adults.**⁵ Children who smoke may not yet be addicted, and generally have less disposable income. A significant price increase in tobacco products will discourage kids from starting to smoke, while encouraging current smokers to quit or cut back.
- **Experience in Canada demonstrates that increased tobacco taxes will substantially reduce smoking among kids.** During the 1980s, Canada raised tobacco taxes from rates comparable to current U.S. rates to about \$3 (U.S.) per pack. Between 1981-1991, teen smoking declined by more than 60% in Canada while it remained relatively constant in the U.S. (See Figure 1.)⁶
- **In 1994, the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services recommended a \$2 per pack increase in state cigarette taxes as part of its Cancer Control Plan.** The research team concluded: "Preventing tobacco use by children is the key challenge in tobacco use reduction, and a substantial excise tax increase is our strongest weapon. No other measure can have as great an impact on the public's health and that of our children."⁷

Figure 1: Real cigarette prices and cigarette smoking among Canadians age 15 to 19



Tobacco Taxes and the Economy

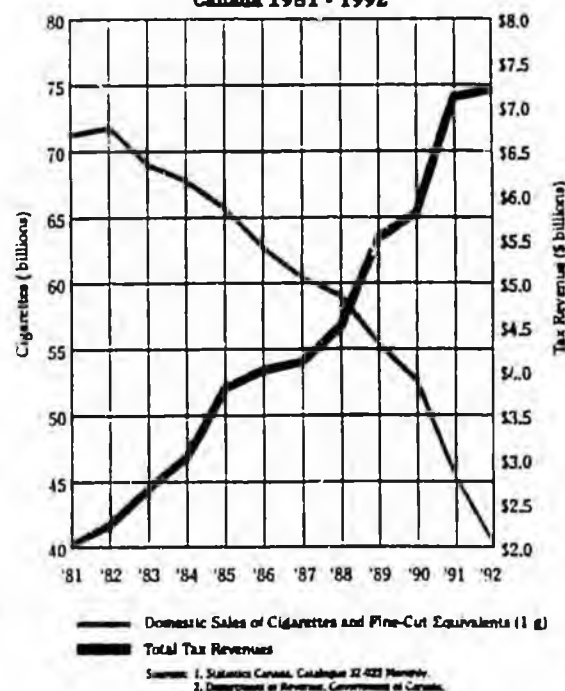
"State tobacco tax revenues are up. Monies collected from the tobacco tax are on target... . This is good news. Cigarette consumption in Michigan is down, as was expected and predicted by health and treasury officials. ... Reduced consumption is also good news. ... [M]illions of dollars in health care costs for smoking related disease will be saved as a result of reduced consumption."

— Douglas B. Roberts, Michigan State Treasurer (July 1995)
Statement regarding Michigan tobacco tax increase to 75 cents per pack

SMOKING CAUSES MORE THAN \$50 BILLION IN DIRECT HEALTH CARE COSTS EACH YEAR, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Economic productivity losses add another \$50 billion, bringing the total cost of smoking to \$100 billion per year.¹

- In Alaska, smoking is responsible for one out of every five deaths, and costs the economy almost \$300 million a year in direct health care costs and lost productivity, according to the Alaska Dept. of Health and Social Services. This means that for every dollar that's collected in tobacco taxes, the Alaskan economy loses over \$18 from the impacts of smoking.²
- Smokers use 50% more sick leave and use the health care system 50% more than non-smokers.³
- Current and former smokers generate an estimated \$501 billion in excess health care costs over the course of their lives,⁴ even though smokers die an average of eight years younger than non-smokers.⁵
- Non-smokers pay for 75% of all government expenditures on smoking-related health care through taxes. Of the \$50 billion in U.S. health care expenditures caused directly by smoking in 1993, \$22 billion was paid for by government funds.⁶
- The Alaska Long Range Financial Planning Commission has estimated that a tobacco tax increase of \$1 per pack on cigarettes and a comparable increase in taxes on other tobacco products would raise approximately \$43 million annually. The Commission concluded: "This tax increase will dramatically lower teenage smoking and reduce tobacco use by adults, both of which will reduce the State's future expenditures on health care costs."⁷
- Tobacco tax increases result in increased revenue and reduced consumption. (See Figure 2.) This is because for most of the population a 10% price increase will result in about a 4% sales decline (with higher declines among youth). The net effect of a tobacco tax increase is that more money gets spent on fewer cigarettes, resulting in major health and revenue gains.⁸
- Increased tobacco taxes offer a win-win-win opportunity, simultaneously preventing tobacco addiction and death, reducing health care costs, and raising revenue.

Figure 2. Cigarette Sales Versus Tobacco Tax Revenue Canada 1981 - 1992



ALASKA



NFIB
National Federation of
Independent Business

HB 1

February 12, 1997

Representative Con Bunde
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Subject: Support for HB 1 - Tobacco Tax

Dear Representative Bunde,

The Alaska Chapter of the National Federation of Independent Business has 4,400 members, making it the largest small-business advocacy group in the state. The typical NFIB/Alaska member employs five workers and rings up gross sales of about \$181,000 per year. In total, the organizations members employ more than 43,000 workers.

Each year the NFIB polls its diverse membership on a variety of issues. The federation uses the poll results to form its legislative agenda. The 1997 survey included a question regarding an increase in tobacco taxes. The members responded 2 to 1 in favor of increasing the tax. Following are the exact results:

Would you support an increase in the tobacco tax?

62.7% YES

35.8% NO

1.5% Undecided

Attached to this letter is a copy of the full survey results. You will notice that the organization is strongly opposed to imposition of income taxes. Historically, the organization has been opposed to increased taxes of all kinds. The case for an increased tobacco tax is clearly an exception

Please include NFIB/Alaska on your list of supporters of House Bill 1.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thyes Shaub'.

Thyes Shaub
NFIB/Alaska Lobbyist

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RE: Tobacco Tax CC:

COMMENTS:

Following are a 197 signatures against increasing the tobacco tax. These are in addition to over 200, I faxed to Representative James when the State Affairs Committee was conducting a hearing on HB 1 and HB 52.

I and those who signed the petitions urge you to vote against this huge tax increase.

Thank you.

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<i>Mark AtHome</i>	Mark AtHome	928 W. 25 TH ST	Anchorage AK	99503
<i>Wm. B. Zahradnick</i>	WM. B. ZAHRADNICK	1110 W 6 TH AVE	ANCHORAGE, ALASKA	99501
<i>David R Parks</i>	DAVID R PARKS	203 Bunnell St	ANCHORAGE, AK	99508
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<i>Bruce F. Haas</i>	BRUCE F. HAAS	7501 NATHAN DR.	ANCHORAGE	99518
<i>Bill Elliott</i>	BILL ELLIOTT	926 W. "Z"	il	99503
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<i>Tim Inega</i>	Tim Inega	7800 99501	Arch. AK	99504
<i>Don R. Heitz</i>	Don R Heitz	618 Gambell #11 9.	ANCH	99501
<i>Louise T. Thibault</i>	LOUISE	2011 W. 11th St	Anchorage AK	99501
<i>Connie F. Segawa</i>	CONNIE SEGAWA	2808 W. 30th	Anchorage AK	99507
<i>Violet Read</i>	VIOLET READ	641 INGRA	Anch. AK	99501
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<i>Julie Burns-Hall</i>	Julie Burns-Hall	7800 Debarr Rd lot 153	ANCH AK	99508
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<i>James Erickson</i>	JAMES ERICKSON	7800 Debarr Rd lot 153	Anch AK	99508
<i>Walter Drumm</i>	Walter Drumm	705 malden ^{SR#105}	ANCH AK	99504
<i>Cotlynn Fifield</i>	Cotlynn Fifield	41225 "42 PL	ANCH AK	99507

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<i>Mike Demientieff</i>	Mike Demientieff Jr	4101 Wilson St	Anch.	99503
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<i>Paul Detrick</i>	Paul Detrick	1704 Jeffer Ave	ANCH.	99503
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Tom Kulis	TED M. KRUTCHAK	1932 SEWARD	ANCH. AK	"
Joseph Mathews	Joseph Mathews	5306 TAKU Dr	Anchorage, AK	99508
Joanne Oxereok	Joanne Oxereok	5300 Taku Dr.	Anchorage, AK	99508
Myrna Jones	MYRNA JONES	914 E 78th	Anchorage, AK	99518
Larry Lambert	LARRY J. LAMBERT	P.O. 100258 ANCHORAGE, AK 99510		
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Margie Barick	MARGIE BARICK	618 GAMBEL #4	ANCH. AK	99510
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<i>Elizabeth Metcalf</i>	Elizabeth Metcalf	3405 Dordrandt Apt L North, AK 99583	Anchorage	99503
<i>Pat Nicholas</i>	Pat Nicholas	Gen-Del Kurothluk, AK	Kurothluk	99621
<i>Roy Avesuk</i>	Roy Avesuk		Anch.	99508
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<i>L. Douglas Vanzant</i>	333 L. Douglas Vanzant	3931 Gardner Str. Apt. #3	Anchorage Ak.	99508
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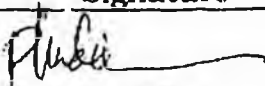
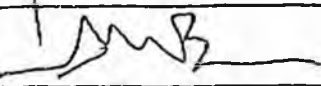
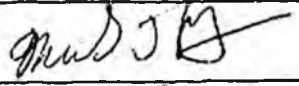
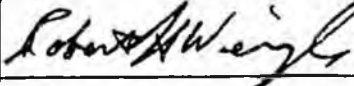
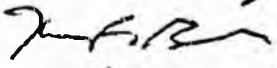
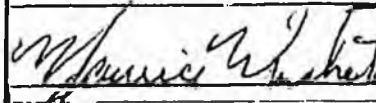
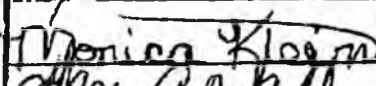
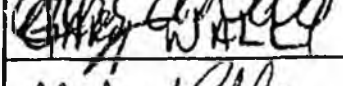
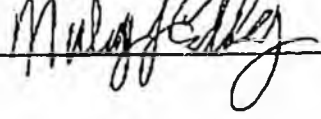
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<i>Paul So</i>	PAUL SO	929 W 27TH #203	ANCH	99503
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<i>Donald Graydon</i>	DONALD Graydon	11614 Dawn St.	Eagle River	99577
<i>William Linn</i>	WILLIAM LINN	11720 BUSBY BLVD	EAGLE RIVER	99577
<i>Richard K Comcaux</i>	Richard K COMCAUX	11539 Heritage Ct #10	ER	99577
<i>Denise Pennington</i>	DENISE PENNINGTON	11539 HERITAGE CT #4	ER	99577
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<i>Steve Pogany</i>	Steve Pogany	PO BOX 670062	Chugiak AK	99567
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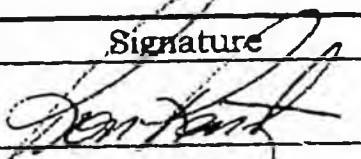

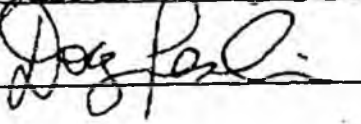
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	Susan Fischetti	11331 Steward Dr	Edge River AK	99577
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<i>Lisa Coker</i>	LISA COKER	11720 BUSINESS BLVD #35	EAGLE RIVER AK	99577
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Rep. Mark Hanley:

I know that you are aware of all the controversy regarding this tobacco tax/user fee. (Which is really the same thing as a tax). We have given testimony in previous committee hearings about our concern for black market, smuggling problems, and theft. I have faxed you a copy of a flyer I received the other day off the internet, on both my personal and business computer. Please note the price for a case of Marlboro cigarettes. This is substantially lower than what we, as a business, can purchase them direct from the manufacturer. This is nothing more than shopping at home via your computer. There is now way to police what is actually going to a private house via the internet. If this does not raise a little concern about this issue, maybe this will.

When you started your legislative session and Governor Knowles gave his speech about the tax issue, we received on our fax machine three different proposals for purchasing cigarettes outside the state. The best offer we received was \$13.14 a carton delivered to our warehouse. This price will only be effective if a tax is imposed on cigarettes/tobacco. I don't know about you, but that makes me very nervous, because if we can get this price so can the 450-500 customers and retailers we service.

I can go on and on about this issue, but I figure that if you are concerned enough, maybe you could call me at 1(800) 478-9898 and we could talk a little more and I could also explain some other challenges you folks are fixing to face.

Sincerely,

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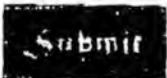
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<i>Sharon G. Knackstett</i>	Sharon G. Knackstett	4203 Wilson Sp #18	Anch	99503	
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<i>Tammi Sloan</i>	Tammi Sloan	957 Westbury Dr	"	"	_____
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	LLOYD STEVENSON	5701 FIJI	Anch	99507
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	ROY W. SCHAUER	8240 E. 19th ANCH, AK CIRCLE	ANCH.	99504
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<i>Kathy Orcutt</i>	Kathy Orcutt	845 E 56th	ANCH AK	99507
<i>Kenneth Bartel</i>	Kenneth Bartel	5200 Clark ^{APT.} ST.	Anchorage	99508
<i>Thomas J. Jank</i>	Thomas J. Jank	6350 Worn Dr.	Anchorage	99507
<i>Brigitte Beiter</i>	Brigitte Beiter	1046 Bartlett Dr.	Anch. AK	99507
<i>Howard Ehrlichspiel</i>	HOWARD EHRLINSPIEL	5837 ROWAN ST	ANCH AK	99507
<i>Joe Camel</i>	Joe Camel	WINSTON SALEM AK	SALEM N.C.	27102
<i>Marlboro Man</i>	Marlboro Man	U.S.A.	RICHMOND VA	23261
<i>James Kool</i>	James Kool	U.S.A	Louisville Ky	40232
<i>Mark A Nussbaum</i>	MARK A NUSSBAUM	ANCHORAGE	ANCHORAGE	99501
<i>R.E. Burrans</i>	R.E. Burrans	4440 B O'MALLEY	Anchorage AK	99510
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<i>Alexander Sayer</i>	Alexander Sayer	#170 Golden Dawn	Anchorage	99511
<i>Richard Martinez</i>	Richard Martinez	5013 E Northern Lights	Anchorage	99508
<i>Anne Hobson</i>	Anne Hobson	5201 Rabbit Creek Rd	Anch	99516
<i>Jeff Bohner</i>	JEFF BOHNER	Box 230954	Anch, Ak	99523
<i>Kathy Campbell</i>	Kathy Campbell	1117 Chugach #2	ANCH AK	99503
<i>Gregory J Zorum</i>	Gregory J Zorum	909 Chugach way #36 <small>Anchorage</small>	Anchorage ALASKA	99503
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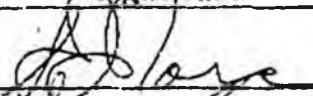
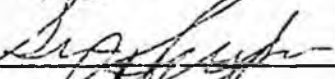


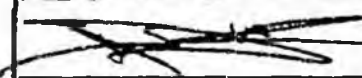

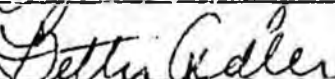
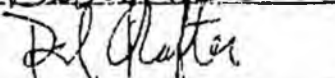
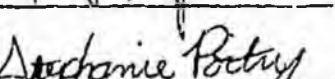
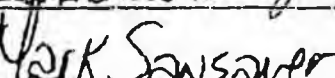
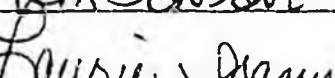
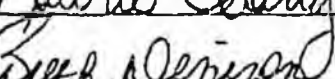
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	Stephanie Poitry	157 Michael Ct	Anch	99504
	Mark Sansaver	12516 Crested Butte Dr	Anchorage AK	99577
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<i>Lisa Booth</i>	LISA Booth	2701 Mayfair Dr. #2	Anch.	99502	522-3315
<i>Patricia Lange</i>	Patricia Lange	2303 W 47 th	Anch AK	99517	—
<i>Lesly L. Kodza</i>	LESLY L. KODZA	4004 Cape #3	Anch.	99503	—
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<i>Jeremy H.</i>	Jeremy H.	Anchorage AK		99515	—
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<i>Doug Schmick</i>	Doug Schmick	3107 W. 34 th #2	Anch	99517	—
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<i>Daniel L. Burns</i>	Daniel L Burns	PO Box 101757	ANCH AK	99510	272-8977
<i>Marionette Nelson</i>	Marionette Nelson	1109 Gilmore Ct	ANCHORAGE, AK	99503	561-0075
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