



**SEIU Local 503 Support HB 2056  
House Revenue Committee  
May 11, 2017**

To: Chair Barnhart and Members of the House Revenue Committee

Fr: Jen Hernandez, SEIU Local 503

Re: HB 2056 – Support

Chair Barnhart, Vice-Chair Bentz, Vice-Chair Smith Warner and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony today in support of HB 2056, lifting the preemption on local municipalities to allow counties to impose their own tobacco tax.

We recognize the significant health and economic costs of cigarette and tobacco use. An increase tax on cigarettes and tobacco products would raise revenue that can be used to fund programs such as mental health services and public health programs.

We support HB 2056 because it would allow counties to fund critical programs at the county level and decide what's best for their communities.

Thank you for your consideration. I hope you will support HB 2056.

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