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Dear Senator Steiner Hayward:

I am grateful for this opportunity to support your legislation that would raise the legal age to purchase tobacco products in Oregon to 21. The addictive and deadly nature of nicotine has been known for more than fifty years, and in that time society has made significant progress in driving the smoking rate downward. However, tobacco continues to claim too many lives, including my own parents. (My father died of lung cancer and my mother died of chronic COPD.) My home county, Lincoln County, has one of the highest rates of tobacco use in the state. I am pleased to advocate for a measure that will help reduce that.

This is a common sense measure that has generated wide support, and by delaying the onset of tobacco use for more young people, it will save lives.

Sincerely,

  
Bill Hall

Lincoln County Commissioner

