

My name is Missie and I live in Sheridan.

My dad died from lung cancer October 2, 2018, after being diagnosed in mid July. He smoked all his life (starting at age 14) but I'd like to think if he knew as a youth what smoking would do to him maybe he would have never started smoking. Also if cigarettes, and all tobacco products, were more expensive maybe he would have stopped buying them and quit. Raising the tax high enough will hopefully make people second guess themselves when buying tobacco products which will in turn save lives and let dads be around longer. My dad's lung cancer was a direct result from his smoking!  
Cigarettes killed my dad.

Raise the taxes so high no one can afford tobacco products. I don't care if tobacco companies go out of business. My dad would still be alive if cigarettes were never invented. Most people who smoke might not think about dying and what effects tobacco products will have on them until it's too late.

I believe approving the proposed tobacco tax will give other children a longer time to spend with their dads. It will also ensure the youth of today will be around for their children when they become parents. Approving the tobacco tax is crucial in saving lives and preventing people from smoking all together, particularly the youth, to include your own children and grand children.

I ask, even beg you, to please pass the <sup>2270</sup>tobacco tax out of this committee and help save lives.

Thank you.