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Subject: HB2270

To Whom It May Concern:

I'd like to express my thoughts on HB2270 and ask that you reconsider lowering the \$2.00 per pack tax on cigarettes being discussed. It is an unfair attack on a subject that gets no sympathy or support from the general public. Smokers are shamed and judged daily and this tax emphasizes this.

I understand the health concerns and the need to generate revenue to fund free healthcare programs but you will be directly hurting the low income citizens that use tobacco to cope with the stresses of living in Oregon. This increase will not stop people from smoking and will harm their health further by taking money out of their pockets.... Money that could be used to buy healthy food, medicine and basic necessities.

If you really want to take money away from the citizens to fund free health care, I'd like to suggest that you spread it out evenly among the full spectrum of health concerns. i.e. alcohol, soda, candy, sugar, fast food, caffeine, etc. If "health" is the motivating factor for this tax, it should be spread out evenly among the people.

Thank you for your consideration,

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