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# Thanks!

**To those elected officials who have the  
courage to stand up and be counted...**



**for acting to protect Connecticut's  
citizens - especially our children -  
from the terrible effects of smoking.**



# Helping protect the people of Connecticut...

Smoking is killing Connecticut residents every year and threatening the health of tens of thousands of our citizens.

When it comes to devoting resources to protecting people, and especially our children, from the effects of smoking, Connecticut ranks near the bottom – 45th in the Nation.

**Thanks to the big tobacco companies, our state doesn't even give towns the authority to regulate smoking in public places!**



But on February 27, 2002 a group of legislators started to make a real difference in the fight to protect Connecticut from the dangerous effects of smoking. They passed an increase in the cigarette tax, which has been proven to be one of the most effective ways to prevent and reduce smoking, especially among kids.

At the time, 18 State Senators, supported an amendment to the cigarette tax bill that would have made an even more profound impact – allocating critically needed resources to fund programs aimed at reducing smoking in our state.

Although the effort failed, they deserve our praise for having the courage to stand up and be counted on this critically important issue.

**The time has come to take even stronger steps in the effort to protect Connecticut.**

More resources are needed to fund successful anti-smoking programs.

**We must also give our local elected officials the tools to protect our children by restoring local control of smoking regulations.**



Senator Kevin Sullivan, 5th District

**"We must take bold action to protect our children."**



Senator George Jepsen, 27th District

**"It's an historic opportunity to put healthcare at the top of the priority list."**



Senator Toni Harp, 10th District



Senator Mary Ann Handley, 4th District



Senator Martin Looney, 11th District



Senator Donald Williams Jr., 29th District



Senator John Fonfara, 1st District



Senator Gary LeBeau, 3rd District



Senator Thomas Bozek, 6th District



Senator Biagio Ciotto, 9th District



Senator Eric Coleman, 2nd District



Senator Melodie Peters, 20th District



Senator Bill Finch, 22nd District



Senator Joseph Crisco, 17th District



Senator Thomas Colapietro, 31st District



Senator Eileen Daily, 33rd District



Senator Alvin Penn, 23rd District



Senator Edith Prague, 19th District

**Tell your elected officials – keep up the good work – don't let big tobacco win!**