



The South Carolina Tobacco Collaborative serves as a forum and a voice for tobacco policy in South Carolina in an effort to prevent tobacco use and its deadly consequences.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A 93-CENT CIGARETTE TAX INCREASE

Whereas, one of the most effective ways to reduce tobacco use, especially among youth, is to raise the price of cigarettes through tax increases; and

Whereas, smoking kills an average of 16 South Carolinians every day – more than 6,000 each year; and

Whereas, South Carolina pays more than \$1 billion in annual healthcare costs directly caused by smoking, with a tax burden of \$574 per household each year; and

Whereas, South Carolina's cigarette excise tax has not been raised since 1977, during which time more than 170,000 South Carolinians have died prematurely from tobacco related illnesses; and

Whereas, an excise tax increase of 93¢ per pack will generate at least \$216 million in new state revenue; prevent 44,000 South Carolina kids from becoming smokers; and prompt 24,100 adult smokers to quit; be it

Resolved, that the undersigned organization joins the South Carolina Tobacco Collaborative in working to prevent future death and disease, reduce youth smoking, reduce premature births caused by smoking during pregnancy, and decrease the tax burden by substantially increasing South Carolina's excise tax on cigarettes; and be it further

Resolved, that the undersigned organization urges its state and local affiliates and partners to join in the South Carolina campaign to protect the health of all South Carolinians.

Name of Organization: _____

Contact Person and Title: _____

Address: _____

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Authorized Signature: _____

By signing the above resolution you are giving permission for your organization's name to be used publicly as a supporter of increasing South Carolina's cigarette tax. Your contact information will not be shared.

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