

My Organization supports prohibiting the sale of tobacco products to anyone under the age of 21.



- In Maryland, 1,900 kids under 18 become addicted to smoking every year. And one-third of them will die prematurely as a result.
- About 95 percent of adults who smoke began smoking before age 21. The ages of 18 to 21 are a critical time when many people who smoke move from experimental smoking to regular, daily use.
- According to the Institute of Medicine, raising the national sale age of tobacco products to 21 could help reduce the prevalence of smoking by 12%, saving lives and dollars.
- Nicotine is addictive, and youth and young adults are more susceptible to its effects because their brains are still developing.

Organization _____

Lead Contact Name _____ email _____

Title _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Do you have staff who can assist with any of the following?

Communications/Media _____ email _____

Social Media _____ email _____

Grassroots/ Outreach _____ email _____

Lobbying _____ email _____

Our organization agrees to participate in the activities marked below: *(Please check off)*

- List our organization as a coalition member.
- List our organization as a supporter only.
- Use of our logo on approved materials.
- Inform our members about the issue via email, social media, webpage, and or newsletters, etc.
- Send email alerts urging our staff or members to contact their state lawmakers.
- Have a representative attend meetings and calls.
- Collect stories from cancer survivors, chronic disease patients, health/medical professionals, veterans, high school students, teachers, parents, etc.
- Educate and meet with Members of the Maryland General Assembly.
- Testify at hearings in the House and Senate Committees.
- Participate in local events to raise awareness.
- Recruit others to get involved.
- Author or sign letters to the editor in support of legislation.

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