

WASHINGTON, DC - "I support this bipartisan tobacco legislation that seeks to reduce the marketing and sale of tobacco to youth and that requires larger, more specific health warnings on tobacco packaging and advertisements."

This legislation is supported by over 700 public health and community groups including the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, the American Heart Association, the American Lung Association, as well as industry (Phillip Morris, Swedish Match, U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Company). The bill reinstates the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) 1996 rule which seeks to reduce smoking by our Nation's youth. Among other provisions, the bill restricts outdoor tobacco advertising within 1,000 feet of schools and playgrounds, restricts vending machines to adult-only facilities, and requires retailers to verify the age for over-the-counter sales of tobacco. The bill also requires tobacco companies to: disclose the ingredients of tobacco products; to place larger, more specific, health warnings on packaging; and to stop using descriptors such as "light," "mild," and "low" on labels and in advertising.

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