



May 13, 2016

Dear Plumas County Board of Supervisors:

The Plumas County Friday Night Live Youth Council proudly supports the Plumas County Tobacco Prevention Program in its efforts to develop, implement, and enforce tobacco policies that protect our community's youth from the dangers associated with tobacco use.

The young people in our community clearly know the negative health consequences associated with tobacco, yet it is still commonly used by our peers. We have seen a rise in the number of our peers who use tobacco products since e-cigarettes and vapor pens have become popular, and we are extremely concerned for their health. Surveys, such as the California Healthy Kids Survey, indicate that it's fairly simple for youth to purchase tobacco products, even though it has been illegal for youth to purchase these products for over 100 years.

It's obviously not enough to simply discourage youth from smoking. As a community, we have a responsibility to prevent new generations of young people from a life-long addiction to tobacco. Tobacco retail licensing in Plumas County will assist in preventing sales to minors. By requiring a license or permit to sell tobacco products we send retailers the message that our community is serious about protecting youth from tobacco. Over 100 communities in California already have passed laws and ordinances requiring tobacco retailers to obtain licenses to sell tobacco products.

The Plumas County Friday Night Live Youth Council urges you to consider implementing a tobacco retail licensing policy so you can protect us, as today's youth, from the negative influences of tobacco, and help to ensure we have an environment that allows us to grow into healthy, happy adults.

Thank you,

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