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Secondhand Smoke Protections in Tribal Communities

Mission and Core Values

To provide commercial tobacco secondhand smoke awareness and resources to New Mexico tribal communities, improving health outcomes.

Respect, Culture, Family Responsibility to Community, Humility, Health, Love, Empowerment, Sustainability, and Community

Joint Statement from Public Health Community

NM Needs High Cigarette Tax Increase to Improve Public Health

Yesterday, American Cancer Society Cancer Action network along with the New Mexico Allied Council on Tobacco, American Lung Association in New Mexico, American Heart Association and American Stroke Association, Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids, and Keres Consulting, Inc. released a statement opposing New Mexico Senate Bill 166.

The statement reads, "Regular and significant increases in tobacco taxes are a proven way to prevent and reduce tobacco use and have been endorsed as a public health strategy by the U.S. Surgeon General and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). However, policy experience in other states informs us that not all tobacco tax proposals produce equal health benefits, with larger tax increases that apply across-the-board to all tobacco products while also dedicating a revenue stream for tobacco use prevention and cessation programs providing the most reliable and effective means of decreasing tobacco use."

You can read the full statement <u>here</u> and what the groups propose as an alternative that would **prevent 61,000** youth from ever starting smoking.

Free Emerging Tobacco Products Presentation Available

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Event Calendar

2019 American Indian Day at the LegislatureJoin the New Mexico Indian Affairs Department for a morning of recognition of the State-Tribal Collaboration Act.

Remarks from:

- Chairman E. Paul Torres, All Pueblo Council of Governors
- President Arthur "Butch" Blazer, Mescalero Apache Triibe



- President Johnathan Nex, Navajo Nation
- President Levi Pesata, Jicarilla Apache Nation

Guest Speaker is Congresswoman Deb Haaland, 1st Congressional District.

Performances by Te Tsu Geh Oweenge Community School and Cellicion Zuni Dancers.

Date: Friday, February 1, 2019 Time: 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM

Location: New Mexico Roundhouse Santa Fe, NM 87501

What now?

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