

Good Morning Chairman Longmuir and members of the Political Subdivisions Committee:

HB 1307 will end local control, removing the right of local governments to adopt more restrictive laws at the local level than what is in place at the state level. Retaining these rights gives local governments the ability to make laws that they feel meet the needs of, and that are appropriate for their citizens.

As tobacco prevention advocates, we provide education on CDC Best Practices for Comprehensive Tobacco Programs, and one of the most important Best Practices is the retention of local control for cities and counties.

Preemption will remove the ability of local governments to address the needs of their communities. Ordinances are in place across the state that are stronger laws than the current state smoke-free law, as well as stronger youth access laws.

Advocating for CDC Best Practices, I am submitting testimony in opposition to HB 1307.

Thank you,

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