

The Federal Government is Killing our Children

I am writing this letter today in hopes it gets published and gets the attention of millions of Americans who have been lied to by those who govern this country. We all know that smoking is not only bad but its long term effects are fatal to users. I am a vaper. I chose to leave Big Tobacco behind for an alternative that is deemed 95 percent less harmful than smoking. However at this time, my choice is being attacked as well as millions of others who have chosen this safer alternative. Why would the Federal Government attack an end an industry that is helping to end smoking and its damaging effects my friends? The answer is real simple.

The excise tax dollars collected from Big Tobacco outweighs public health. We have also heard there is no money in a cure; and in this case there is not. In fact the money is making sure we keep sick and dying from the effects of cancer causing cigarettes. The facts are printed and being argued in court at this very moment to be exact. If a person is a 2 pack a day smoker, and has an estimated 30 years of life left, their healthcare costs would be \$766,000 over the course of their rest of their lives. Since the average person will not incur most of these costs during their working years, it will fall in their senior years while they are in the Medicare system. This system is funded by each and every taxpayer through taxpayer dollars.

Currently there are an estimated 42 million smokers in America with an estimated 100 million smokers in the next generation. I am sure if you do the math as I have you will see as I stated above; money is in the medicine, not the cure. I find it offensive that the Federal Government would want to end a lifesaving alternative just to keep tax dollars flowing; even at the expense of my children, your children, and future generations.

I have reached out to elected officials on this matter, however I guess my phone calls do not carry the weight that Lobby Dollars from the Big Tobacco and Big Pharma industries carry when they contribute to their campaigns.

My friends, our health, our children's health, and our lives are being used in a manner no differently than cattle being prepared to be profited on at a livestock auction.

Sincerely,