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Memo of Support A. 5955/S. 2202 **Including E-cigarettes in the Indoor Clean Air Act**

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The NYS American Academy of Pediatrics, representing more than 4,000 pediatricians across NYS, fully supports passage of A. 5955/S.2202. As pediatricians we have seen a significant and frightening increase in the use of tobacco products with teens using e-cigarettes. E-cigarette usage for middle and high school students **tripled** in just one year.

We are very concerned about the increase in young smokers. But we are equally concerned with the misconception that “vapor” for e-cigarettes is safe. It is not.

Research has shown that e-cigarette aerosols may include nicotine, acrolein (which is commonly used as a weed killer), the embalming agent formaldehyde and the cancer causing chemical and irritant acetaldehyde. Additionally, some aerosols have been shown to contain harmful carcinogenic metals like cadmium, nickel, and lead. Second hand smoke from e-cigarettes is not safe for anyone, but it is especially dangerous for infant, toddlers and young children.

This legislation would protect the children of New York State from secondhand exposure to nicotine and other potentially harmful chemicals found in these products.

It would also reduce the number of places that e-cigarettes could be smoked, therefore reducing access and acceptability of the e-cigarettes for young people.

New York’s Clean Air Law has proven successful. Including e-cigarettes in this law will make it even more effective. Before the legislative session adjourns, both houses must put public health first and pass the bill to include e-cigarettes in the Clean Indoor Air Act.

Do it for the children!!

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