



Smokers are being targeted for a 156% tax increase.

On Wednesday, August 1st, H.R. 3162 which included a \$4.50 per carton federal cigarette excise increase was passed by the US House of Representatives by a vote of 225-204. On Thursday, August 2nd, H.R. 976 which included a \$6.10 per carton federal cigarette excise tax increase was passed by the US Senate by a vote of 68-31. Smokers know that cigarettes are already one of the most highly taxed products in the country today. In fact, since the year 2000, state and federal cigarette excise taxes have been increased more than 73 times – driving up the average price of cigarettes over 80%.

Everyone should pay their share of taxes, but a federal tax increase on cigarettes is an unfair burden on smokers – especially when these taxes fund a wide-range of expanding government programs that benefit everyone. And as cigarette sales decline it's an unreliable source of revenue.

Singling out smokers for as much as a 156% increase in the federal cigarette excise tax is going too far – **IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO TELL CONGRESS – ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!**

TAKE ACTION – SAY “NO” TO A FEDERAL TAX INCREASE ON CIGARETTES!

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