

March 24, 2015

Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee

Topeka, Kansas

Dear Chairman and Committee Members:

My name is Bill Nigro; I own and operate several business concerns in the Westport area of Kansas City, Missouri. My business's include, Restaurants, Storage facilities, Bars, and Smoke shops. I also own a home in Overland Park Kansas. I used to manage a bar and restaurant next to KU medical Center until 2009.

I am a small business owner and have watched and adjusted my business each time you pass new legislation. I am here today because I don't want to see Kansas make such a mistake by passing a large cigarette tax, when we live next to Missouri the lowest tax in the nation. We are driving all the customer base over to Missouri for much more than just cigarettes, for gas, groceries, alcohol etc.

I encourage you to vote no on a new cigarette tax for Kansas, even though as a Missouri business owner I will profit greatly from this tax. We must do what is best for the great state of Kansas.

Let's work together to make Kansas stronger and to educate our children so new laws are not actually needed.

Respectfully,

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