



February 18, 2024

Representative Will Carpenter
Chair, House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

RE: HB 2801 / Letter of Opposition

Mr. Chair and Members of the Committee,

The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) is the nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy affiliate of the American Cancer Society. Our mission is to "advocate for evidence-based public policies to reduce the cancer burden for everyone." To that end, ACS CAN will continue to prioritize policies that help every Kansan prevent, find, treat and survive cancer.

HB 2801 "an act concerning the regulation of consumable material and electronic cigarettes; requiring manufacturers to submit certifications regarding the status of products to the director of alcoholic beverage control of the department of revenue; establishing fines and criminal penalties for violations thereto." ACS CAN supports fact-based policies proven to reduce tobacco use. At this point, ACS CAN does not have any data showing this legislation to be an effective way to reduce the use of e-cigarettes. The Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act gives the U.S. Food and Drug Administration unprecedented authority and resources to regulate tobacco products. HB 2801 creates a duplicative process. The FDA already tracks and provides a list of premarket tobacco product marketing granted orders on its website. ACS CAN supports proven tobacco control policies that provide public health benefits for our youth. HB 2801 fails to meet that standard and is unnecessary.

ACS CAN asks the committee to oppose HB 2801 today. Thank you for the consideration.

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