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Thanks, Susan. I hope you're feeling better!

I know that a pair of pediatricians, Drs. Winickoff and Hartman, sent a letter to Dr. Lobovits explaining the importance of NFG for adolescent health and urged him to support it.

I can't imagine that the notion that everyone should be able to exercise free will to purchase addictive substances without government interference is one that will stand up to scrutiny. Would Dr. Lobovits prefer that candy flavored vapes were put back on the market in Massachusetts? Should 21-year-olds be free to purchase fentanyl without government interference if they want to? How about fireworks?

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Cc: Chui, Anthony <achui@CityofMelrose.org>
Subject: RE: update on Newton's vote on tobacco ordinance

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I'm reaching out to any Newtonites I know. Folks I previously spoke to seemed reluctant to get involved. Lots going on in Newton at the time – mostly related to the war in Gaza.

It took a lot to get the hospital systems to write letters of support but they finally did. I may have copies of letters submitted if that helps. We could share those letters with whichever systems serve Newton.

I'll reach out to our MTCP TA's though they have been a little late to the table. Maybe the timing is good for them to get more involved now though at least one of them is not personally in favor of this policy.

I wonder if there is a way to use the KBS documentary. I haven't seen it yet but I understand from Mark that Patty Green's interview is included. She lives on the Vineyard now but used to live in Newton. I'll try to connect with her daughter Annie who graduated from Newton North. Not sure where she lives now.

I'll be thinking.

Maureen

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I'm a bit confused since you mention no hearing then that a pediatrician voted no.

1. What is the contact info for the next hearing committee?
2. I will reach out to friends that live in Newton to send emails/letters of support when I can direct them to the right person.
3. I would reach out to the local clinics/hospitals (NWH and BI have clinics in Newton) to ask them for letters of support. Maureen Buzby is a tobacco control resource for other communities so I cc'd her here in case she has contacts that can be used or tips for you.

This is a process, but I have faith in Newton. I'm sure in a City with as many medical professionals as Newton the councilors won't want to risk their constituents learning that they were the first town to go against a public health initiative that is so subtle yet can cause such an enormous health impact over the next decades.

On Friday, June 21, 2024 at 10:45:38 AM EDT, Susan Albright <salbright@newtonma.gov> wrote:

Sorry about the teams invite - i don't know how that got into my email - here is a clean version. there is no meeting.

Dear all

Last night the docket item was held - i don't know when the next meeting will be held - possibly July 10 - we are on summer schedule right now. Many members of the committee were not present so holding was a good idea.

We have a pediatrician on that committee and he switched his vote to no yesterday in favor of "free choice". What the hell?

I was taken unaware when the chair decided to put this on the agenda for this Thursday - and only had just spoken to our Health Commissioner who did send a letter of support.

I need to get letters from the public - which i will work on. Any suggestion how to get folks from the medical community to also write letters.

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I'll keep you informed of the new date.

susan

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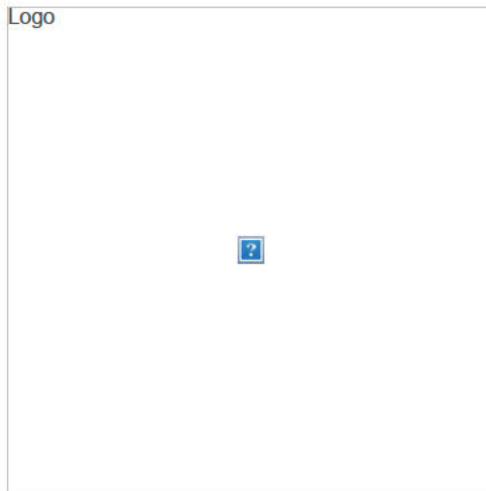
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