



CITY OF PROVIDENCE

Jorge O. Elorza, Mayor

March 25, 2021

The Honorable Raymond A. Hull
Chair, House Committee on Municipal Government and Housing
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

Honorable Chairman Hull and Members of the Committee,

We write on behalf of the City of Providence in support of House Bill 5633 to regulate the use and sale of cigarettes, other tobacco products, and electronic nicotine delivery systems.

The City of Providence believes that local government is best positioned to understand how the local retail environment impacts their own neighborhoods and residents, and work directly with local tobacco vendors in culturally appropriate ways to promote responsible business practices and protect the health of our communities.

Tobacco-related illness is still the leading cause of preventable death in the United States, and a local retail license provides the opportunity for important public health benefits. This includes effective and meaningful local enforcement of tobacco control laws that reduce youth initiation of, and access to, tobacco.

We strongly encourage you to support this bill and thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rachel Newman Greene".

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