
[selectboard:26214] RE: Letter from NECSEMA to the Ashland Select Board, and Ashland Board of Health

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Members of the Ashland Select Board, and Ashland Board of Health,

I would like to reiterate NECSEMA's opposition to the NFG proposal currently before the board of health. It is important to note that these restrictions are not state issued but are being pushed by advocacy groups such as the Mass. Association of Health Boards and other advocates. This proposal will cause instant harm to the value of local businesses, infringe on adults' rights to purchase legal products, and will have no impact on youth tobacco usage rates, as the products are already restricted to those over 21 years of age.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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Attached is testimony in opposition to the NFG proposal before the board of health on 11/18/2025. I will unfortunately be unable to attend, but if you need any additional information prior to the hearing please reach out.

I would recommend this article from Boston Magazine, which has a good summary of both sides of the issue:
<https://www.bostonmagazine.com/news/2025/07/29/nicotine-free-massachusetts/>

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