



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE GENERAL COURT
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, MA 02133

October 17, 2023

John J. Scullin, Chair
Stoneham Board of Health
35 Central Street
Basement Level
Stoneham, MA 02180

Dear Chair Scullin and the Stoneham Board of Health:

I write to enthusiastically support the initiative to bring a Nicotine-Free Generation policy to the Town of Stoneham. As the state Senator for Stoneham, I applaud this effort to ensure the next generation of residents can avoid the devastating health impacts of nicotine addiction. It is no secret that Big Tobacco targets vulnerable populations, including youth. It is our responsibility to support a public health system that promotes healthy choices and safeguards everyone from harm.

The Nicotine-Free Generation policy is one that envisions a completely tobacco-free environment for our youth. In preventing the creation of new tobacco and vaping customers, this policy will ensure that today's youth are able to grow into healthy adults without the increased risk for lung cancer, stroke, heart disease and other illnesses common with lifelong tobacco users.

I encourage the Stoneham Board of Health to support and implement the Nicotine-Free Generation policy in Stoneham.

Best Regards,

Jason Lewis
Fifth Middlesex
State Senator