

Hi, I'm Maureen Buzby from Melrose, MA.

I'd like to take just a moment to mention a new tobacco prevention policy that so far has been adopted by 14 Massachusetts municipalities with many more in some stage of consideration.

As you know, smoking is still the leading cause of preventable death in the US. Almost half a million people die every year from smoking related disease. Nicotine Free Generation is a birthdate restriction that has the potential to save countless lives and millions in health care costs.

The design provides a long runway so that retailers are only slightly impacted each year, and anyone who can legally be sold tobacco products currently, will still be able to buy tobacco products even after the policy is adopted.

It's easy to implement and yet has the potential to save young people from a lifetime of addiction and related financial burden, healthcare costs, and opportunity costs - - like being able to join the military.

We have a number of medical, legal, and public health professionals who would be happy to meet with you to explain the policy in more detail and to answer any questions you may have.

I put my contact information in the chat.

Thank you.