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to **d.mulvenna**, bcc: me, bcc: Kate, bcc: Anthony

About a decade ago, the City of Westfield led the way to raise the minimum age for nicotine sales from 18 to 21, joining with other communities. Eventually, 175 cities and towns together moved the legislature to enact it statewide in July 2018. Nationwide enactment followed in December 2021.

I am a Member of the Belchertown Board of Health. At our December meeting, we enacted Nicotine Free Generation, prohibiting sales to those born after January 1, 2004. There are now 14 NFG communities statewide, as we build towards the critical mass for statewide enactment.

I believe that your members agree that preventing nicotine addiction and disease among Westfield's young people is important. Nicotine Free Generation is a slow but steady path in that direction.

I am asking for the opportunity for the medical and legal experts to meet with your Board of Health to explain NFG and answer your questions. Together we can save many lives.

--Ken Elstein, Belchertown Board of Health

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Debra Mulvenna

to me

Good morning, Ken.

I will bring your request to our BOH at the next meeting and let you know.

Have a great weekend!

Debra

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to Kate, Anthony

I guess she will ask them on March 13th if we can be put onto their April 9th agenda. I cannot attend their meetings because they are at the same time as our BoH meetings. It probably would be good if someone from my team could go. They do not seem to have a Zoom option.

Westfield would be a big win for us. It is a city with over 40,000 people, much larger than any municipality in Hampshire, Franklin, or Berkshire counties. They would be our first win in Hampden county, and would be a boost for neighboring cities West Springfield and Springfield. Though it would not be necessary for their March meeting, it probably would be worth some people driving to Westfield if they hold a public hearing. They are right off the MassPike.

Their BoH consists of three members, two of whom are MDs.

I think Debra was one of the many people at a Zoom meeting in January at which I spoke briefly.

--Ken

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to d.mulvenna

Thank you!

And you should have a good weekend. Drive safely!

Debra Mulvenna
to me

Mar 7, 2025, 3:59 PM (18 hours ago)

Hi Ken,
When you get a chance, are you able to provide the list of NFG communities?
Thank you.

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