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Hi All,

I have been trying to get this thread off of my Harvard email address....or at least onto my gmail address otherwise I'm missing them. Our emails need to be better organized, and unfortunately this thread still does not include everyone. Tamu, let's meet ASAP to get our emails organized. I can work with you to get that done.

Since the retailers are more organized than us, I think we need a meta meeting to plan.

John and I were talking about next steps, and I think we're in agreement that there's a need to have a clear MA strategy. Apologies if there is a playbook, but, if so, it's not transparent to us. I also don't think either of us can spearhead that.

We need an organizational meeting sooner rather than later. I'm available Tues or Wed at the usual time. Whenever we meet, we need to take and distribute minutes to those who cannot make it. I absolutely cannot do that, though.

Best,
Mike

On 7/16/25 12:24 PM, John Maa wrote:

> Sounds good. Mike Chou has been the one pushing for next steps here but will leave to the local team!

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> Hawaii is ready to move next year too. Multi-state plan in play now

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> Sent from my iPhone

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>> On Jul 16, 2025, at 9:07 AM, Silbaugh, Katharine <silbaugh@bu.edu> wrote:

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>> Developing an approach to Massachusetts really requires the Massachusetts people to huddle. It is my instinct that Bloomberg, were we fortunate enough to attract his actual involvement, would be premature and we'd have to consider the possibility that his involvement would have some negative impacts. It is my sense that nothing is going to happen in MA until we get more municipalities, but I think Mark Gottlieb and Maureen Buzby (both on this thread) may have a more tuned sense of whether we are going all out in the State House this year, or instead planning to go all out next year. We still don't have the main health and anti-tobacco groups on board. Kate.

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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Chris Bostic <bosticc@ash.org>

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>> I can meet Tuesday at our regular time.

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>> Re: Bloomberg - we've been working on them, and talked to them in Dublin a few weeks ago. There's a plan in place with ASH, WHO, UICC and The Union to gently move them along, but they are not ready. All of their funding in the U.S. is funneled through CTFK, who is also not ready. I don't think there's any possibility of funding in the short and medium term.

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>> I feel like our best chance in the short term - especially with John's help - is AHA.

>> Cheers,

>> Chris

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>> From: John Maa <maa_john@yahoo.com>

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>> Spoke to Mike Chou tonight - wondering if we should plan an early meeting of Brain Trust next week to see if there is anything to do before the end of the Legislative session?

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>> If might be time to meet with the bill authors and ask if they would like to meet with Michael Bloomberg's time to request financial support to get this across the finish line

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>> Great work everyone

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