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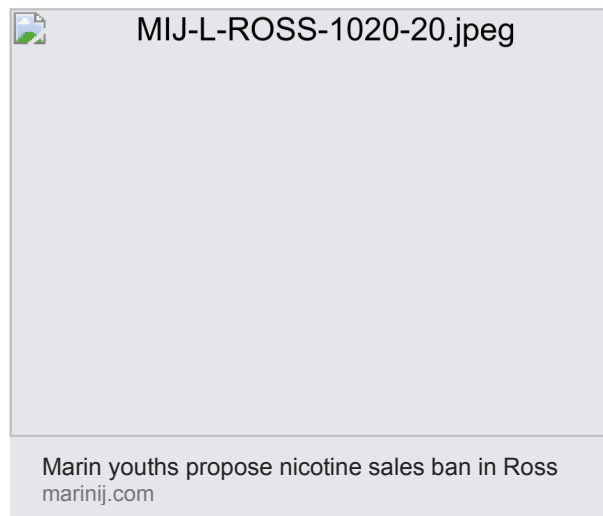
Sent: Sep 17, 2025 17:44:39.000000000 UTC

Subject: Re: Update from Boston

To: Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org>

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Media wave gas begun here. Multiple cities in Marin moving forward. My home worktown. All assistance welcome!



On Sep 15, 2025, at 6:48AM, Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org> wrote:

I agree, Jon.

I spent the day with Isable at the MassDems State Convention. She's fearless and tireless. She would step right out into the corridor space and stop passersby. She shared our NFG flyer and engaged any who would take the time to listen.

Lots of elected delegates. Unfortunately, very few elected legislators. Still a good opportunity to raise awareness and try to identify community champions.

Isable met and had her photo taken with both the Governor and Lt. Governor. When I spoke with Governor Healey at the post-convention gathering she told me about meeting Isabel. And she won't forget!

Yes, the youth voice is the most critical voice in this campaign. We will continue to work municipality by municipality until there is critical mass which will help our state legislators vote in favor of state-wide law. When the time is right, which isn't yet, which is okay. We have much more work to do on the local level.

We need to add RFK Jr.'s latest MAHA report on children's health to our talking points. No mention of tobacco or nicotine. Wonder who's behind that.

From: Jon Berrick <tobaccofreegeneration@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, September 14, 2025 8:56 PM

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I find revealing the comment that John forwarded: "The sentiment was that it is an important but not a priority bill for the finish of the session."

We're sometimes advised to categorize the tasks in our to-do lists as to whether they are urgent or important. Typically, it's the urgent ones that end up receiving priority; in my experience that's as typical for legislators as it is for anyone.

Those of us who have been working and researching for years in this space are very good at explaining why tobacco control (and in particular TFG) is important. But I think it takes young people -- such as Isabel whom I've added to this thread -- to make a convincing case, by highlighting how their classmates and friends are suffering from the industry's insidious marketing tactics, that this is also urgent.

Jon

On Sun, 14 Sept 2025 at 09:28, Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org> wrote:

When we started out we figured three years.
Kind of wish the House and Senate bills hadn't been fund this soon but also happy that we have legislators who were willing to file.
I agree with Hank. Not backing down. In fact, just returned from the state Dems Convention. Isabel Tashie, Heather Warner and I talked with dozens and dozens of delegates. No legislators though I did get to speak with Maura Healey for a few minutes at the post convention party. When she was AG she actively supported tobacco control and sued Juul. As Governor she has even bigger problems to solve.
Local action is more important than ever.
Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 13, 2025, at 5:12 PM, Henry Dorkin
<hdorkinmd@pedspulmonology036.com> wrote:

Not going to back off. This is the right thing to stand behind.

Hank

On Sat, Sep 13, 2025 at 4:10 PM John Maa
<maa_john@yahoo.com> wrote:

My pediatric surgeon friend met with your leadership in the Massachusetts Legislature and asked about the TFG bill. The sentiment was that it is a important but not a priority bill for the finish of the session. Perhaps 2026.

Keep fighting for what you believe in. It was intersting to see the Boston Mayor's race unfold this week. I was told that Boston usually follows statewide action. Kind of curious if the State acts first with TFG there is no need for Boston to act afterwards.

Have a great weekend, JM

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