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The Honorable Frank Pallone
U.S. House of Representatives
2107 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Donna Shalala
U.S. House of Representatives
1320 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Pallone and Representative Shalala:

On behalf of the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) and its 40,000 membership, I write to express our support for the *Reversing the Youth Tobacco Epidemic Act of 2019*, legislation that would help curb the rise of youth tobacco use by enacting provisions that limit access and the appeal of tobacco products to people under 21.

Like you, the AGD is greatly concerned about the impact e-cigarette and tobacco use is inflicting on the nation's youth population. The use of tobacco products is inextricably linked to an individual's oral health, and the AGD supports all efforts to curb tobacco-related product use. The correlation between the use of e-cigarettes and later adoption of smoking is a hugely worrying trend set to undo years of progress in the fight against adverse smoking-related health conditions.

The AGD stands ready to work with you and your staff to generate support for this vital legislation and on future shared interests. Please do not hesitate to contact Daniel J. Buksa, JD, Associate Executive Director, Public Affairs, by phone at (312) 440-4328 or via email at Daniel.buksa@agd.org to let us know how we may be of further assistance.

Thank you again for sponsoring this important legislation and for your ongoing efforts regarding this critical issue.

Sincerely,

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Neil J. Gajjar, D.D.S., MAGD
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Myron (Mike) Bromberg, D.D.S.
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