



**KANSAS ACADEMY OF  
FAMILY PHYSICIANS**  
**CARING FOR KANSANS**

**Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee  
Written Testimony: HB 2269 — Proponent  
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Chair Thompson and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony **supporting HB 2269**, on behalf of the Kansas Academy of Family Physicians (KAFP). My name is Debra Doubek and I am serving as the KAFP president this year. Additionally, I am a board-certified, full-scope family physician in Manhattan. The KAFP represents nearly 2,000 family physicians, resident physicians and medical students across our state. Providing quality health care and good health outcomes for our patients guide our policy work.

Raising the age for purchase and possession of tobacco and vaping products, from 18- to 21-years of age, represents a significant step toward decreasing the number of young people becoming addicted to these products.

According to the American Lung Association, tobacco is the leading cause of preventable death in the U.S., killing close to 500,000 Americans each year.

The KAFP supports measures to eliminate tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke, to promote access to quit smoking treatments and to prevent youth from starting to use tobacco in the first place.

We believe HB 2269 will help to reduce the number of adolescents and young adults who start smoking, therefore impacting smoking-related disease and death, and will have a significantly positive impact on patient care outcomes. **The KAFP respectfully urges your support of HB 2269.**

**About Kansas Academy of Family Physicians:**

KAFP represents nearly 2,000 active, resident, student and life members across the state. Our member physicians are vibrant and trusted members of their communities and are dedicated to creating a healthier Kansas. Quality health care and health outcomes for our patients guide our public policy work. As family physicians, we see people of all ages, both men and women, and we work with almost every type of ailment and illness that afflict our patients.