

March 20, 2000

Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids

Attn: Letters

1707 L Street NW

Suite 800 Washington, DC 20036

Dear Mr. President:

My name is Lori and I am
12 years old. I am a seventh
grader at Middle School
in Rochester, NY.

My classmates and I are concerned
about how many kids under the
age of 18 are smokers. In fact,
more than 4 million smokers are
under the age of 18. This is a
problem that must be solved.
Checking ID's should be a
regular procedure in every store
that sells tobacco products. If
a worker fails to check ID's,
the worker should be punished.

I also think that tobacco companies should be punished for purposely advertising to kids. The prizes some companies offer should be banned. Other techniques, such as making the kids believe that they will fit in better among peers should also be done away with. If the tobacco companies continued to use techniques that appealed mostly or only to kids, the company should be fined.

I firmly believe that the number of kids under the age of 18 that smoke can go down.

Sincerely
Axi

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Dear Mr. President,

My name is Beth

I am 13 years old and I go to
Middle School in Rochester
NY.

I am writing you this letter
to ask and tell you to do some-
thing about the problems with
teenagers and smoking. My
Great Grandma died from a heart
attack which was caused by
smoking and I don't want that to
happen to anymore people, especially
teenagers.

Did you know that there are
4 million smokers under the age
of 18? I don't like the idea of
the magazine ads that try to
get kids and adults to smoke
by sending out a message

saying that if you smoke these cigarettes you'll be like the malbro man or whoever's on the ad. Another one is people who try to get you to smoke say you'll be a better athlete when in reality you'd be a bad athlete and have a hard time breathing. I think that maybe it would help if you raise the age on people buying the cigarettes and put more ads out that tell you what smoking really does to you.

I hope you will take my advice and maybe it will help teens realize smoking is not cool.

Sincerely,
Beth

Middle School

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Attn: Delia

1707 2. Street NW

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Dear Mr. President,

My name is Lisa.
I am 12 years
old and I go to
Middle School in
Rochester, New York.

I am 12 years
Middle School in

I'm sure you have seen ads for Tobacco,
we all have. Magazines and Billboards are the
perfect place for kids my age to see them. Did
you know 3000 kids start smoking everyday? I
know alot of people who smoke. They all started
when they were 13, 14 years old! I hate it that
these Tobacco companies can get away with
so much harm! If I were president, I would
make smoking illegal, like drugs.

What I would like you to do is make
selling cigarettes to minors, illegal with stricter
laws I wish I could get my word out. Even
though I'm a kid, I still want to make a
difference!

Sincerely,

Lisa