

Washington State Retail Script
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I'm calling on behalf of a group of concerned retailers with an important message. There's a bill before the Washington State Senate that would be a major problem for your business if it passed.

This bill, called SB6457, sets up unreasonable and unnecessary restrictions on tobacco product merchandising. It is one of the most intrusive bills ever, giving government bureaucrats new authority over your business.

In fact, for the first time, state bureaucrats would be given the right to make rules that affect your tobacco merchandising. Right now, at least, your state legislators have authority over these bureaucrats. But if SB6457 passes, unelected bureaucrats will have the full authority, not your elected officials.

And with full rule-making authority, there is no telling what kind of regulations will be next.

Please protect your own business and help stop this bill today. Your state senator _____ is on a key committee that will vote on this bill within the next two days. That's why it's urgent that you leave a message for Senator _____ urge him to vote against SB6457, the tobacco regulation bill.

If you'd like to call and leave that message right now, I can connect you directly into the senator's office _ and at no cost to you. Is that OK?

Now the next voice you hear will be in Senator _____ office. When the phone is answered, give your name and hometown and ask to leave a message for Senator _____. Then ask your Senator to vote against HB6457, the tobacco regulation bill.

Thanks for your time.

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