

Commissioner David Kessler
Docket #95N-0253
Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration, Room 1-23
12420 Parklawn Drive
Rockville, MD 20857

SIR:

I am writing to express my opposition to the Food and Drug Administration's efforts to assert regulatory control over the U.S. tobacco industry.

I oppose this plan for several reasons.

First, I agree that minors should not smoke or have access to tobacco products. We verify the ID's of all cigarette buyers who appears to be underage.

Tobacco companies pay me to display their singnage. If is banned, I,ll earn less revenue and will have to cut expenses. That could force me to let employees go.

FDA regulation of tobacco could lead to a requirement that smokers get doctors prescriptions for cigarettes--or even an outright ban on tobacco. We tried prohibition in the 1920,s, IT DID NOT WORK THEN AND IT WILL NOT WORK NOW!

So I urge the FDA to reconsider its plan to regulate the Tobacco industry, and to focus instead on improving it's performance in the food and drug areas.

Sincerely,



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