



March 31, 2025

Chair Shea Backus
Assembly Revenue Committee
Legislative Building, 401 S. Carson St.,
Carson City, NV 89702

RE: Opposition to AB471

Dear Chair Backus and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, I am writing to express our opposition to AB471, which would allow the remote sale of cigars and pipe tobacco. This legislation raises serious public health concerns and undermines efforts to regulate all tobacco products equitably.

Regular cigar smoking increases the risk of cancers of the lung, oral cavity, larynx, and esophagus. In fact, people who smoke cigars are four to ten times more likely to die from laryngeal, oral or esophageal cancers than people who do not smoke.

We believe all tobacco products should be regulated in the same manner, including requiring shipments only to in-state, brick-and-mortar, licensed retailers. Direct-to-consumer shipments create regulatory loopholes that weaken public health protections and undermine efforts to curb tobacco use.

At a time when youth tobacco use remains unacceptably high, it is imperative that we do not weaken our policies by allowing remote sales on any tobacco product. We urge you to oppose AB471 and ensure that all tobacco products are regulated equitably to protect public health.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Atlas".

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