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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
317 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Tim Kaine
U.S. Senator
United States Senate
231 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators McConnell and Kaine,

On behalf of the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) and its 40,000 membership, I write to express our support for the *Tobacco-Free Youth Act* (S. 1541), legislation that would help curb the rise of youth tobacco use by enacting provisions to raise the purchasing age from 18 to 21 for tobacco products, including e-cigarettes and vapor products.

Like you, the AGD is greatly concerned about the impact e-cigarette and tobacco use is inflicting on the nation's youth population. The use of tobacco products is inextricably linked to an individual's oral health, and the AGD supports all efforts to curb tobacco-related product use. The correlation between the use of e-cigarettes and later adoption of smoking is a hugely worrying trend set to undo years of progress in the fight against adverse smoking-related health conditions.

The AGD stands ready to work with you and your staff to generate support for this vital legislation and on future shared interests. Please do not hesitate to contact Daniel J. Buksa, JD, Associate Executive Director, Public Affairs, by phone at (312) 440-4328 or via email at Daniel.buksa@agd.org to let us know how we may be of further assistance.

Thank you again for sponsoring this important legislation and for your ongoing efforts regarding this critical issue.

Sincerely,

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Neil J. Gajjar, D.D.S., MAGD
President
Academy of General Dentistry

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Myron (Mike) Bromberg, D.D.S.
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