



***KMA Statement on Federal Legislation to  
Raise Purchasing Age on Tobacco Products***

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The Kentucky Medical Association strongly supports raising the minimum age to purchase all tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, from 18 to 21. The Association applauds Majority Leader McConnell for his leadership in introducing legislation that will accomplish this important health care aim. Such bold action will aid our youth population by reducing smoking and other tobacco use rates, improving overall health, and most importantly saving lives.

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