



The PACT Act has been carefully drafted to not infringe upon tribal sovereignty. Extensive changes were made to the bill in 2003 to ensure that it fully respected tribal sovereignty and immunity rights and did nothing to reduce or expand the scope of those rights. Tribal organizations were involved in that process and subsequently stated that the revised bill protected tribal sovereign immunity. Those modifications remain in the current version of the bill.

The PACT Act will help keep cigarettes and smokeless tobacco out of the hands of children and reduce the devastating toll that tobacco takes on the public's health. The Senate passed the PACT Act by unanimous consent in 2003, and the House passed the bill overwhelmingly in 2008 and 2009. The time has come to enact this important legislation.

Sincerely,

American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network  
American Heart Association  
American Lung Association  
Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids  
Alliance of the American Dental Association  
American Academy of Family Physicians  
American Academy of Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery  
American Association for Respiratory Care  
American College of Chest Physicians  
American College of Preventive Medicine  
American Dental Association  
American Medical Association  
American Psychological Association  
American Public Health Association  
American School Health Association  
American Society of Addiction Medicine  
Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses  
Lung Cancer Alliance  
National Research Center for Women & Families Cancer Prevention and Treatment Fund  
Oncology Nursing Society  
Partnership for Prevention  
Society for Public Health Education  
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