

## **Statements of Interest**

### **American Legacy Foundation**

American Legacy Foundation, created as a result of the 1998 Master Settlement Agreement between 46 states and the tobacco industry, is dedicated to building a world where young people reject tobacco and anyone can quit. Legacy's signature programs include truth®, the award-winning youth smoking prevention campaign, and EX®, an innovative program designed to help smokers quit.

### **American Academy of Pediatrics**

The American Academy of Pediatrics ("AAP") was founded in 1930 and is a national, not-for-profit organization dedicated to furthering the interests of children's health and the pediatric specialty. Since its inception, the membership of AAP has grown from the original group of 60 physicians specializing in children's health to 60,000 primary care physicians, pediatric medical subspecialists, and pediatric surgical specialists. Over the past 80 years, AAP has become a powerful voice for children's health through education, research, advocacy, and expert advice and has demonstrated a continuing commitment to working with hospitals and clinics, as well as with state and federal governments to protect the well-being of America's children. AAP has engaged in broad and continuous efforts to prevent harm to the health of children and adolescents caused by the use of tobacco products and exposure to second-hand tobacco smoke.

### **American Cancer Society / ACS CAN**

The American Cancer Society (ACS) is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education,

advocacy and service. Research conducted by ACS was instrumental in establishing the original link between tobacco use and cancer, and nationwide our volunteers and advocates work to further tobacco control policies.

The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN), the nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy affiliate of the American Cancer Society, supports evidence-based policy and legislative solutions designed to eliminate cancer as a major health problem. ACS CAN works to encourage government officials to make cancer a top national priority. ACS and ACS CAN work in partnership across the nation towards effective tobacco control policies.

ACS and ACS CAN share a critical interest in promoting tobacco control in New York. Smoking accounts for an estimated 30% of all cancer deaths and 87% of lung cancer deaths. Smoking is associated with increased risk for cancer of the cervix, esophagus, kidney and renal pelvis, larynx, lung and bronchus, oral cavity and pharynx, pancreas, stomach, urinary bladder and acute myeloid leukemia. In New York City, an estimated 1,810 cancer deaths annually can be attributed to smoking, including 1,573 deaths from lung cancer. ACS and ACS CAN volunteers and donors have supported many cancer-related issues at the federal, state, and local levels, including Resolution § 181.19.

#### American College of Preventive Medicine

The American College of Preventive Medicine (ACPM) is the national professional society for physicians committed to disease prevention and health promotion. ACPM was established in 1954. Its 2,400 members are engaged in preventive medicine practice, teaching and research.

### American Lung Association / American Lung Association in New York

The American Lung Association is the nation's oldest voluntary health organization, with 435,000 volunteers in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The American Lung Association in New York is our chartered association for New York. Because cigarette smoking is a major cause of lung cancer and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, the American Lung Association has long been active in research, education and public policy advocacy on the adverse health effects of tobacco products. The American Lung Association believes that point-of-sales education is an important tool to help prevent children from becoming smokers and to encourage adult smokers to quit.

### American Medical Association

The American Medical Association (AMA) is the largest professional association of physicians, residents and medical students in the United States. Additionally, through state and specialty medical societies and other physician groups, seated in the AMA's House of Delegates, substantially all U.S. physicians, residents and medical students are represented in the AMA's policy making process. The objectives of the AMA are to promote the science and art of medicine and the betterment of public health.

### American Public Health Association

The American Public Health Association (APHA) is a national organization devoted to protecting Americans and their communities from preventable serious health threats. Founded in 1872, APHA is the world's oldest and most diverse public health organization. APHA represents a broad array of health providers, educators, environmentalists, policy makers, and health officials at all levels working both within and outside governmental organizations and

educational institutions. APHA advocates for national tobacco control measures to protect the public's health from the adverse effects of tobacco products.

#### Asian Pacific Partners for Empowerment, Advocacy, and Leadership (APPEAL)

Founded in 1994, Asian Pacific Partner for Empowerment, Advocacy and Leadership (APPEAL) is a national non-profit organization whose mission is to champion social justice and achieve parity and empowerment for Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders by supporting and mobilizing community-led movements through advocacy and leadership development on critical public health issues.

#### Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids

The Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids works to raise awareness that cigarette smoking is a public health hazard by advocating public policies to limit the marketing and sales of tobacco to children, and altering the environment in which tobacco use and policy decisions are made. Tobacco-Free Kids has over 100 member organizations, including health, civic, corporate, youth, and religious groups dedicated to reducing children's use of tobacco products.

#### Citizens' Commission to Protect the Truth

The Citizens' Commission to Protect the Truth was formed to promote public education to discourage smoking by children and teens. The Commission has assembled all former U.S. Secretaries of Health, Education, and Welfare, former U.S. Secretaries of Health and Human Services, and all former U.S. Surgeons General and Directors of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention from every administration, Republican and Democrat, since Lyndon Johnson, to support this cause.

### Faith United Against Tobacco

Faith United Against Tobacco (FUAT) is a coalition of thirty national faith groups and denominations that work together to reduce smoking, particularly among children, across the country.

### Lung Cancer Alliance

The Lung Cancer Alliance is the only national non-profit organization dedicated solely to patient support and advocacy for people living with lung cancer and those at risk for the disease. The organization's mission is to reverse decades of stigma and neglect and ensuring that a more compassionate and comprehensive public health strategy is enacted to address all aspects of this disease.

### Massachusetts Association of Health Boards

Massachusetts Association of Health Boards (MAHB) is a non-profit trade association that represents local boards of health in Massachusetts. MAHB's mission is to assist and support boards of health in meeting their statutory and service responsibilities, through programs of education, technical assistance, representation, and resource development. MAHB has had a grant to provide technical assistance on tobacco control to local boards of health since 1993.

### Medical Society of the State of New York

The Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY) is a not-for-profit corporation founded in 1807. It is the principal medical professional organization in the State of New York representing physicians of all medical specialties.

### National African American Tobacco Prevention Network

The National African American Tobacco Prevention Network (NAATPN) facilitates the development and implementation of comprehensive and community competent tobacco control

programs to benefit communities and people of African descent. NAATPN has an interest in supporting the efforts of New York City to create and require stronger health warnings on all tobacco products.

#### National Association of Chronic Disease Directors

The National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD) is a national public health association for chronic disease program directors of each state and U.S. territory. Founded in 1988, NACDD links together more than 1,500 members to advocate for preventive policies and programs, encourage knowledge sharing and develop partnerships for health promotion. Since its founding, NACDD has been a national leader in mobilizing efforts like support to reduce chronic diseases and their associated risk factors through state and community-based prevention strategies.

#### National Association of County and City Health Officials

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) is the national organization representing the nation's 2800 local health departments. Many local health departments are actively engaged in tobacco prevention and control programs to reduce the toll of tobacco use in their communities and have an interest in preserving their flexibility to devise and use point of sale messages. NACCHO's mission is to be a leader, partner, catalyst, and voice for local health departments in order to ensure the conditions that promote health and equity, combat disease, and improve the quality and length of all lives.

#### National Association of Local Boards of Health

The National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) represents the interests of boards of health in the United States. There are over 3,200 boards of health across the United States with over 20,000 citizen volunteers working to improve the health of their communities.

NALBOH's mission is to strengthen boards of health, enabling them to promote and protect the health of their communities. NALBOH is dedicated to the development of effective public health policy at the community level.

#### National Coalition for LGBT Health

The National Coalition for LGBT Health is committed to improving the health and well being of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals through federal advocacy that is focused on research, policy, education and training.

#### National LGBT Tobacco Control Network

The National LGBT Tobacco Control Network works to support the many local tobacco control advocates in supporting the elimination of tobacco health disparities for all Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people. The Network operates in response to the documented high rates of smoking within sexual and gender minority populations and works to educate tobacco control efforts regarding the specific LGBT population.

#### Oncology Nursing Society

Oncology Nursing Society (ONS), the largest professional oncology association in the world, is composed of more than 37,000 registered nurses and other healthcare providers, including 2,314 in the state of New York, dedicated to excellence in patient care, education, research, and administration in oncology nursing. Because tobacco use is responsible for one in three cancer deaths in the United States, ONS has long supported efforts to help reduce and prevent tobacco-related disease, disability and death.

#### Partnership for Prevention

Partnership for Prevention is a membership organization of business, nonprofit organizations and government leaders advancing evidence-based prevention in policies and

practices. The Partnership seeks to increase investment in preventing disease and promoting health, making prevention a national priority and America a healthier nation. The Partnership seeks to create a “prevention culture” in America, where the prevention of disease and the promotion of health, based on the best scientific evidence, are the first priority for policy makers, decision-makers and practitioners who can make a difference in this area. Tobacco control is a major initiative of the Partnership.

#### Tobacco Control Legal Consortium

The Tobacco Control Legal Consortium is a national network of legal centers providing assistance to public officials and health professionals addressing legal issues related to tobacco and health, and supporting public health policies that reduce the harm caused by tobacco use. The Consortium prepares legal briefs as amicus curiae in cases where its experience and expertise may assist courts in resolving tobacco-related legal issues of national significance, and has submitted amicus briefs in cases before the United States Supreme Court, many state supreme courts, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, and the United States Courts of Appeals for the Second and Fifth Circuits. TCLC’s national coordinating office is located at the Public Health Law Center at William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul, Minnesota.