Thanks!

To those elected officials who have the courage to stand up and be counted...

for acting to protect Connecticut's citizens - especially our children - from the terrible effects of smoking.
Helping protect the people of Connecticut...

Smoking is killing Connecticut residents every year and threatening the health of tens of thousands of our citizens.

When it comes to directing resources to protecting people, and especially our children, from the effects of smoking, Connecticut ranks near the bottom - 45th in the Nation.

Thanks to the big tobacco companies, our state doesn't even give towns the authority to regulate smoking in public places!

But on February 27, 2002, a group of legislators started to make a real difference in the fight to protect Connecticut from the dangerous effects of smoking. They passed an increase in the cigarette tax, which has been proven to be one of the most effective ways to prevent and reduce smoking, especially among kids.

At that time, 18 State Senators supported an amendment to the cigarette tax bill that would have made an even more profound impact - utilizing critically needed resources to fund programs aimed at reducing smoking in our state.

Although the effort failed, they showed our pride for having the courage to stand up and be counted on this critically important issue.

The time has come to take even stronger steps in the effort to protect Connecticut.

More resources are needed to fund successful anti-smoking programs.

We must also give our local elected officials the tools to protect our children by restoring local control of smoking regulations.

Tell your elected officials - keep up the good work - don't let big tobacco win!