

[What follows is written testimony adapted from what was submitted by a FACT member in 2013. This is an example of what a letter might look like if you follow the written testimony template and personalize it. For current messaging refer to this year's FACT Talking Points.]

March 31, 2013

Joint Committee on Finance
Room 305 East, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Co-Chairs LAST NAME and LAST NAME, and Members of the Committee,

First of all, thank you for all that you do for us! My name is XXXX XXXXXX and I live in the wonderful Village of XXXXXXXXXXXX. I'm a 15 year old freshman at XXXXXXXXXXXX High School.

I am writing today because I'm a member of FACT (Wisconsin's youth tobacco prevention movement) and feel that it is important to keep programs like FACT going. I joined FACT at my high school because I see how tobacco use negatively impacts kids every day. Since I have joined FACT, I have helped to design a poster collage, brainstormed new prevention ideas, and volunteered to write a speech with other members of our group.

FACT is very important to me because the kids you see today will be the adults of tomorrow and they need the best chance possible to succeed. Being tobacco free is one of the best ways to do that. I recently found out that 1 in every 8 Wisconsin teens abuse tobacco regularly. That is HUGE! We need youth tobacco prevention programs to continue to tackle this problem.

The youth to youth message is important and powerful. Our group is youth led and uses peer to peer education methods to spread our message. If our programs continue, we can properly inform teenagers around the state about the dangers of tobacco! How cool is that?

Youth tobacco prevention programs work; since 2000, smoking in Wisconsin has declined significantly. We are working hard to educate youth about the dangers of tobacco use. Since starting in 2001, FACT has reached hundreds of thousands of Wisconsin youth. However, we need to reach more. Which is why we need to continue the work we're doing.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

[SIGNATURE IN INK]

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