We know how to prevent tobacco use and help current smokers quit, but states and the federal government are not implementing these proven-effective, lifesaving laws and policies. The American Lung Association’s “State of Tobacco Control” 2018 report shows both the progress and failure of states and the federal government to prevent and reduce tobacco use. To learn more go to www.lung.org/sotc

**State Goals:**

1. Support a Youth Tobacco Prevention Package to include;
   a. Increase funding for tobacco prevention and cessation programs;
   b. Increase the licensure fee to sell tobacco products;
   c. Increase the age of sale of tobacco products to age 21; and
2. Remove the exemptions from the current Clean Indoor Air Act that restricts smoking in public places and workplaces.

**State Facts:**

- Health Care Costs Due to Smoking: $6,383,194,368
- Adult Smoking Rate: 18.0%
- Adult Tobacco Use Rate: 20.3%
- High School Smoking Rate: 10.3%
- High School Tobacco Use Rate: 32.3%
- Middle School Smoking Rate: 1.3%
- Smoking Attributable Deaths: 22,010

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