MN Advocates for Internal Medicine-
Thank you for your interest and advocacy for health issues in our state. This is an ACTION ALERT related to one of our advocacy priorities....**Tobacco 21- raising the tobacco age to 21 years**

With 10 days left until the constitutional adjournment deadline, the MN House and Senate conference committees continue to negotiate the Health and Human Services bill. We are asking you as an Advocate for Internal Medicine to **make four quick phone calls to legislators who are key to raising the Minnesota tobacco age to 21 years** as more than 32 Minnesota communities, twelve states, and more than 450 US communities have done.

During your one-minute call to each of the four legislators or legislative staff members please:

- Identify yourself as a physician/medical resident/medical student;
- Thank them for serving on the Health and Human Services Conference Committee;
- Urge the legislator to support **Raising the Minnesota Tobacco Age to 21** to prevent youth tobacco use and save lives;
- Research indicates that almost 95 percent of addicted adult smokers started smoking by age 21;
- This will also affect e-cigarettes and e-cigarette use is up 50% among Minnesota youth; and
- This state law will provide a uniform standard statewide rather than a patchwork of local laws.

Please call the following Senators:

- Conference Committee Chair [Sen Michelle Benson](tel:651-296-3219) from Ham Lake - **651-296-3219**
- Conference Committee Chair [Sen. Jim Abeler](tel:651-296-3733) from Anoka - **651-296-3733**
- [Sen. Paul Utke](tel:651-296-9651) from Park Rapids - **651-296-9651**
- Physician [Sen. Scott Jensen](tel:651-296-4837) from Chaska - **651-296-4837**

Thank you for your consideration and advocacy to improve the health of Minnesotans!

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