

# **KAFP participates in Rally at Kansas State Capitol to Support Tobacco Tax Increase**

As a member of Kansans for a Healthy Future (KRHF), KAFP participated in the rally to support increasing the tobacco tax in Kansas on Monday, May 4. Over 100 supporters attended the rally, held in the rotunda at the statehouse. Here is a link to more information: <http://cjonline.com/news/state/2015-05-04/kansas-health-coalition-touts-proposed-tobacco-tax-hike>

Approximately 4,400 Kansans die each year due to tobacco use. Raising the tobacco tax will save approximately 50,000 lives in Kansas and deter kids from smoking – an inherent health benefit. A tobacco tax increase also will generate revenue for Kansas during a critical budget shortfall. [A recent poll from Glen Bolger](#), conducted in February 2015, shows that 73 percent of Kansans support a tobacco tax increase.

## **Kansans for a Healthy Future coalition supporters include:**

- The American Heart Association
- The Kansas Health Foundation
- Tobacco Free Kansas Coalition
- The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
- Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids
- The American Lung Association
- Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City
- Kansas Health Consumer Coalition
- Oral Health Kansas
- El Centro
- Tobacco Free Wichita
- Kansas Academy of Family Physicians
- Wichita Medical Research & Education Foundation
- Susan G. Komen Kansas
- The University of Kansas Cancer Center

Don't forget to URGE YOUR KANSAS SENATOR AND REPRESENTATIVE TO SUPPORT INCREASING TOBACCO TAXES – [CLICK HERE](#)