

***** URGENT ACTION NEEDED *****

THE SITUATION: Right now there is legislation pending in the United States Senate – the *Prevent All Cigarette Trafficking Act of 2009* ("PACT Act") (S. 1147) which contains, among other bad ideas, a provision to make all cigarettes and smokeless tobacco products nonmailable.

WHAT THIS MEANS TO YOU: By making cigarettes and smokeless tobacco products nonmailable, the Senate is ensuring that you will no longer be able to purchase these products by mail-order, telephone-order, and/or the Internet because the United States Postal Service will be prohibited from delivering your orders to you. Taking away your options means forcing you back to buying over-priced tobacco products from your local retailer once again.

THEY'VE TRIED THIS BEFORE: The PACT Act is not new. Different versions of the PACT Act were introduced in 2003, 2006 and 2007. No prior version became a Law. We've defeated the PACT Act before and with your help we can defeat it again.

WHY WE NEED YOUR HELP: Native American cigarette and tobacco sellers are committed to doing everything we can to stop the PACT Act but we need your help. Your Senators work for you and as their constituents, it is your voice and your vote that counts!

WHAT YOU CAN DO: Contact your Senators and tell them not to pass the PACT Act. Your Senators should be protecting your interests, but it is up to you to let them know what you think about the PACT Act. There are three easy ways to contact your Senators – by e-mail, telephone, or regular mail – all of which are explained on the back of this sheet. Every U.S. State has two Senators – please remember to contact BOTH Senators for your State.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO EXPRESS YOUR OPINION: As an American citizen, it is your right to let your Senators know how you feel about any action Congress takes. You elected your Senators to represent you and they can only do this if you tell them what you want. When you contact your Senator you do not need to identify yourself as a smoker or as someone who purchases cigarettes and/or smokeless tobacco products by mail-order, telephone-order, and/or the Internet. You only need to identify yourself as a resident of the state they represent.

SOME CONCERNS ABOUT THE PACT ACT TO DISCUSS WITH YOUR SENATORS:

THE POSTAL SERVICE: The price of stamps is being raised practically every year. The PACT Act will take an entire class of legal, non-hazardous goods and make them nonmailable. What this means is a huge loss of business (potentially hundreds of millions of dollars) for the Postal Service. Will they continue to raise the price of stamps and other mail services to compensate for their lost income? The United States Postal Service is already suffering from a fiscal crisis due to the downturn in the economy. If the PACT ACT is passed and millions of dollars of revenue are taken away, there could be serious consequences for consumers, including reducing the number of delivery days from 6 per week down to 5 or perhaps only 4 days per week.

COST: When the PACT Act of 2003 (S. 1177) passed the Senate, the Congressional Budget Office prepared a Cost Estimate for the Bill. The Congressional Budget Office estimated that the PACT Act of 2003 would cost about \$140 MILLION over the 2004-2008 period to enforce. \$140 Million over four years – and that estimate is already six years old. How much will the PACT Act of 2009 cost to enforce? Isn't there a better way to spend our tax dollars?

TWO IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR SENATORS:

1. **Tell your Senators that you are one of their constituents and provide your address so they know where in the State you are from.** Since anyone can contact a Senator, it is important that you let your Senators know that you live and vote in their home state. Because the Senators receive so much mail, mail from their constituents always takes priority.
2. **Make it clear to your Senators that you DO NOT want them to pass the PACT ACT of 2009 (S. 1147).** Let your Senators know that if they don't support you – you won't support them.

CONTACT YOUR UNITED STATES SENATORS

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ARIZONA - John McCain - www.mccain.gov
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ARKANSAS - Mark L. Pryor - www.pryor.senate.gov
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CALIFORNIA - Dianne Feinstein - www.feinstein.senate.gov
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TEXAS - John Cornyn - www.cornyn.senate.gov
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HOW TO CONTACT YOUR SENATORS

E-MAIL: Above is a listing of every U.S. Senator by State and their website address. Simply go to each of your two Senators' websites and find the Senator's contact form. Fill in the required information, type your message and hit the send button.

TELEPHONE: Dial 1-866-605-7500 (this is a free call) to be connected with a Capitol Switchboard Operator. Simply ask the Operator to connect you with your Senator's Office.

REGULAR MAIL: Send a letter to your Senators at their LOCAL offices nearest you. You can find the addresses for local offices on the Senators' websites or by looking in your telephone book's government section. It is important that you send your letter to the local offices since mail often takes months to reach a Senator's Washington, DC office due to increased security at the Capitol.

**EVERY E-MAIL, TELEPHONE CALL AND LETTER MAKES A DIFFERENCE.
YOUR SENATORS NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE.**