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U.S. House Passes Federal Tobacco Tax

Just hours ago, the U.S. House of Representatives, by an overwhelming and bipartisan 289-139 vote, passed legislation that will increase the federal cigarette tax by 61 cents. These funds will be used to support the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP).

Advocates like you have been working to increase the federal tobacco tax for more than a decade. Today, you helped us take an important first step this year toward making this increase a reality. See how your U.S. Representative [voted](#).

The U.S. Senate is expected to vote on this legislation later this month. Thank you for all of your hard work in making the federal tobacco tax a priority for Congress. There is more exciting news to come and you will be one of the first to know when this legislation takes another step to becoming law.

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