



Fellow Business Leader and/or Chamber Member:

The U.S Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has estimated that cigarette smoking and secondhand smoke cost 92 billion dollars annually in productivity losses. A recent study conducted by Ohio State University found that an employer's cost from tobacco use per employee is \$4,056 in lost productivity and \$2,056 in medical costs. This means that the annual cost to your company's bottom line exceeds \$6,000 for each employee that uses tobacco.

Becoming a Tobacco Free Business is a simple process that leads to healthier employees and money saved! The Tobacco Free Partnership of Levy County's goals are to prevent tobacco use, reduce addiction to nicotine, and prevent exposure to secondhand smoke. The partnership is ready to provide information to help you promote free tobacco cessation services to your employees and we can help with establishing a tobacco free policy to increase productivity at your worksite. The partnership also assists with custom signage for long-term communication of your tobacco free policy.

Are you ready to promote tobacco cessation and contribute to your worksite wellness by passing a tobacco free policy? To get the process started, please visit the Partnership's website at www.TFP-Levy.org and click on the Tobacco Free Business tab. Under this tab you will find additional resources and information about the benefits of establishing a tobacco free worksite policy. We recommend that you download and complete the Tobacco Free Worksite Wellness Assessment. Please return this assessment to me at KZachry@QuitDoc.com and I will schedule a follow up appointment with you to discuss the next steps and the cost savings you will experience by becoming a tobacco free worksite.

Best of Health,

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