

The PACT Act has been carefully drafted to not infringe upon tribal sovereignty. Extensive changes were made to the bill in 2003 to ensure that it fully respected tribal sovereignty and immunity rights and did nothing to reduce or expand the scope of those rights. Tribal organizations were involved in that process and subsequently stated that the revised bill protected tribal sovereign immunity. Those modifications remain in the current version of the bill.

The PACT Act will help keep cigarettes and smokeless tobacco out of the hands of children and reduce the devastating toll that tobacco takes on the public's health. The Senate passed the PACT Act by unanimous consent in 2003, and the House passed the bill overwhelmingly in 2008 and 2009. The time has come to enact this important legislation.

Sincerely,

American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
American Heart Association
American Lung Association
Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids
Alliance of the American Dental Association
American Academy of Family Physicians
American Academy of Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery
American Association for Respiratory Care
American College of Chest Physicians
American College of Preventive Medicine
American Dental Association
American Medical Association
American Psychological Association
American Public Health Association
American School Health Association
American Society of Addiction Medicine
Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses
Lung Cancer Alliance
National Research Center for Women & Families Cancer Prevention and Treatment Fund
Oncology Nursing Society
Partnership for Prevention
Society for Public Health Education
United Methodist Church – The General Board of Church and Society