CHEAP TOBACCO is the leading cause of tobacco use among teens in North Dakota.

We have some of the cheapest tobacco in the nation. We haven't raised our tax rate on tobacco products since 1993, making us the 48th among our states and the District of Columbia for our tobacco tax rate.

By increasing the price of tobacco by $1.50, we could:

- **16.6** percent decrease in youth (under age 18) smoking
- **5,200** youth under age 18 kept from becoming adult smokers
- **5,700** current adult smokers who would quit
- **1,400** reduction in young adult (18-24 years old) smokers
- **800** premature smoking-caused deaths prevented
- **3,000** 5-year reduction in the number of smoking-affected pregnancies and births
- **$2.09 million** 5-year health care cost savings from fewer smoking-affected pregnancies and birth
- **$1.79 million** 5-year health care cost savings from fewer smoking-caused heart attacks and strokes
- **$1.03 million** 5-year health care cost savings from fewer smoking-caused lung cancer cases
- **$600K** 5-year Medicaid program savings for the state
- **$227 million** long-term health care cost savings from adult and youth smoking declines