



April 21, 2007

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, U.S. Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Support for H.R. 1108, FDA Regulation of Tobacco Products

Dear Speaker Pelosi:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of The Latino Coalition, I am writing to strongly support H.R. 1108 that would regulate tobacco products.

There is overwhelming support of Americans, and particularly in the Latino community, for the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) to regulation of tobacco products. The support for this initiative crosses all ethnic, ideological, regional, state, income and educational lines. Even most smokers support FDA regulation of tobacco.

In the past Congress, the FDA legislation enjoyed a broad bipartisan support. Legislation providing FDA the authority to regulate the manufacture, distribution, and sale of tobacco products is critically needed to protect the public health. FDA oversight is especially required to crack down on illegal sales of tobacco products to children and to restrict advertising and marketing that appeal to children.

Virtually every other consumer product is regulated by FDA. Yet tobacco products continue to be exempt from the most basic oversight. We urge you to support H.R. 1108 to regulate tobacco products

For more information on The Latino Coalition, please visit our website at www.TheLatinoCoalition.com. We look forward to your support on this issue and to working together to improve the lives of all those living in this country.

Sincerely,

Robert G. de Posada
President