

State Legislative Issues Panel

LeeAnn Goheen, NATSO – Private Investment in EV
Charging Infrastructure

Mike Williams, Williams & Assoc. – Fuel Theft Using Pulser
Manipulating Devices

Donna Golshan, Altria Group – Tobacco and Vapor Issues

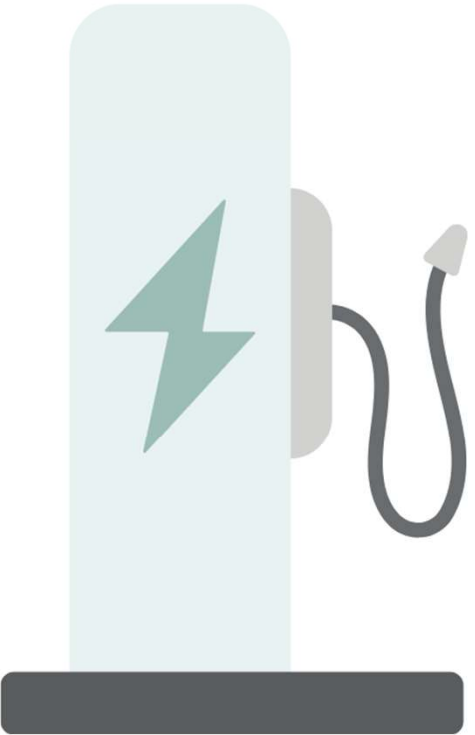
Moderated by Amanda Gray, APMA

Arizona will receive **\$76.5 million** in NEVI grant funding to deploy EV chargers.

- The NEVI Program was created as a part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law enacted in 2021.
- Funding is available for up to **80% of eligible project costs** and will be distributed between now and 2026.
- The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is still developing a competitive solicitation with the **release expected in Q4 of 2023**.



Arizona's EV Charging Plan



ADOT is required to submit a plan each year for the funds it receives under the NEVI grant program. The plan must be updated and re-approved by U.S. DOT **each year**.

Overall, the Arizona NEVI plan is **pro-business** and supports a **competitive market**.

The plan previously included concerning language suggesting ADOT may award funding to **one single entity** or **one vendor per region**.

In response to stakeholder pushback, ADOT has indicated that they are **unlikely to distribute funds** in that manner.

EV Charging Legislation

Senator Carroll introduced SB 1501 in the 2023 session and is expected to push similar legislation in 2024.

- The legislation would prohibit utility ratebasing of EV charging stations.
- The bill would also create rates, terms, and conditions for EV charging owners and operators, and encouraged utilities to develop transparent, competitively-priced rates for EV charging stations.
- The bill passed out of committee during the 2023 legislative session but did not receive a vote from the full Senate.



SB 1177 - Pulsar Manipulation Devices

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ARIZONA'S FAMILY INVESTIGATES
CRACKING DOWN ON GAS THEFT
LAWMAKERS LOOK TO BAN POSSESSION OF "PULSAR MANIPULATION" DEVICES

FORECAST BUCKEYE

FOR SUBSCRIBERS AZ lawmakers propose new penalty for electronically stealing gas

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For Star subscribers: Proposed Arizona legislation would make it a Class 3 felony to use a "pulsar manipulation device" to trick gas pumps.

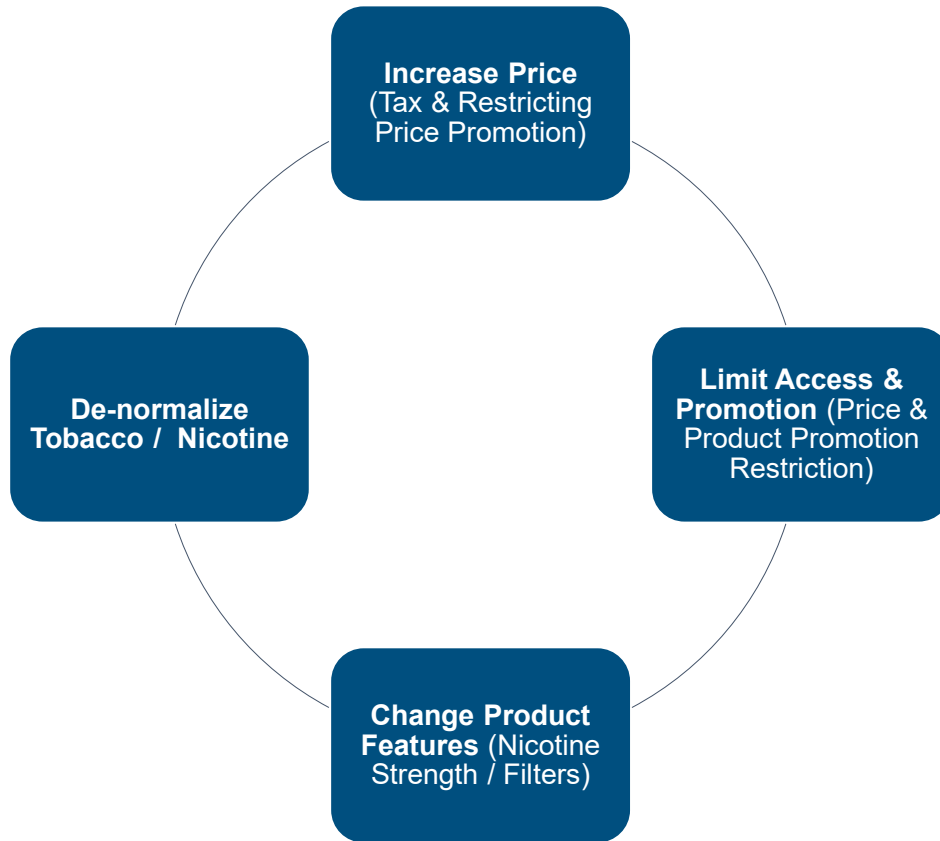


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From
Awareness
to Action

Tobacco Control Strategy



Key Government Affairs Issues

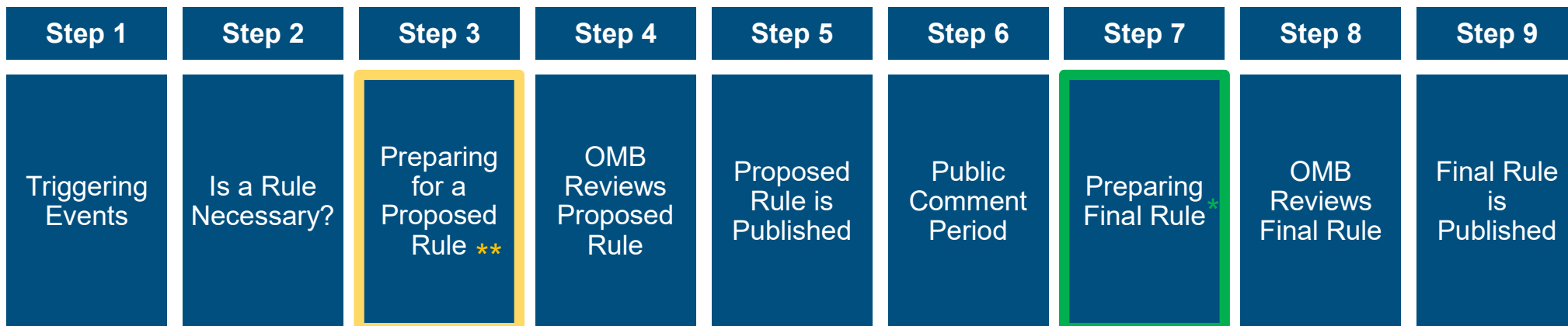
Federal, State, and Local

Excise Tax Increases	Total Flavors Bans	Electronic Age Verification	Nicotine Limits
Legal Age of Purchase 21	Differential Taxation	State vs Local Authority	Filter Ban
Category Bans	Price / Promotion Restriction	Licensing	Tobacco-Free Generation

FDA Rulemaking

Please Continue to Share Your Voice!

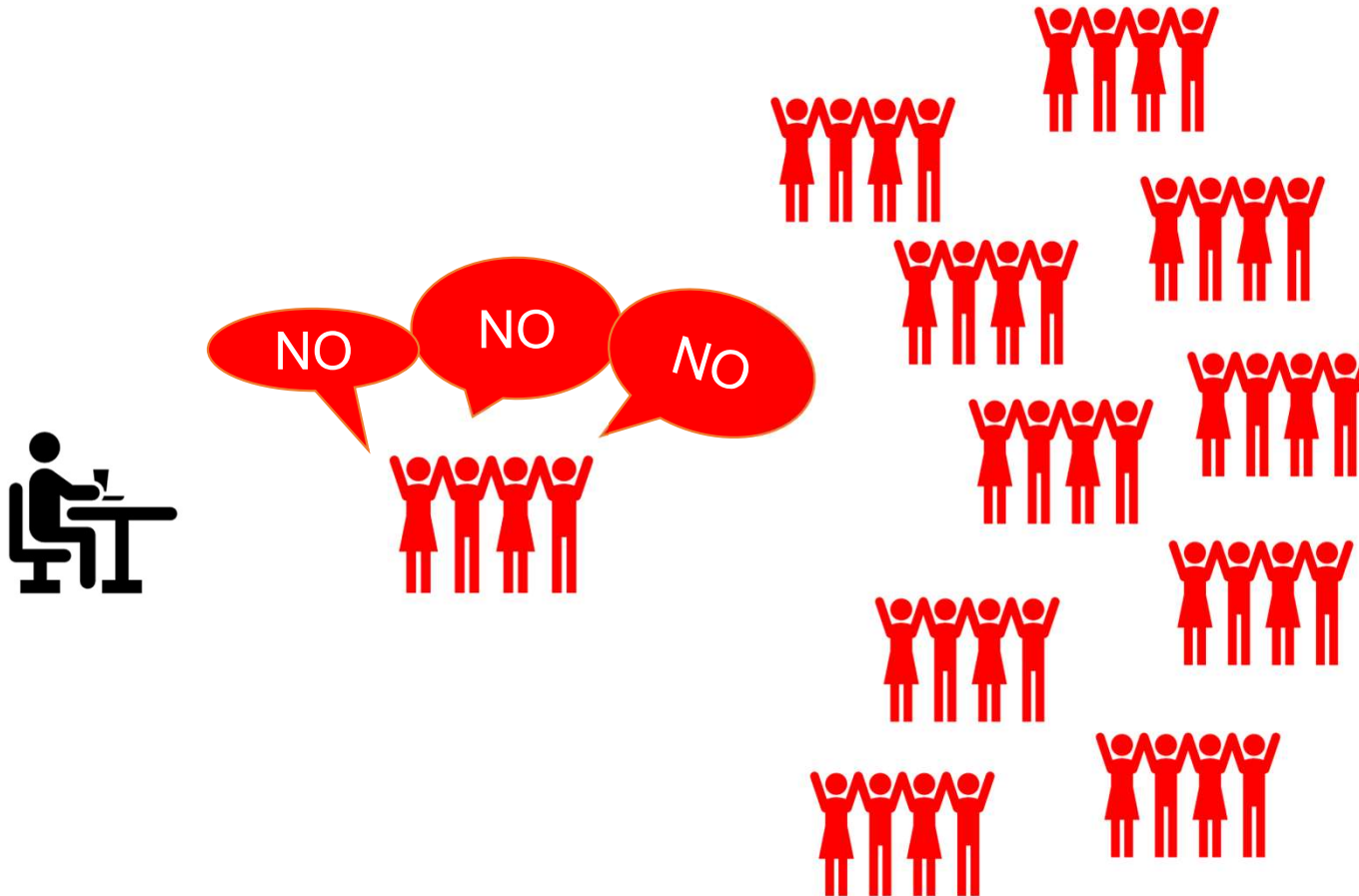
9-Step FDA Rulemaking Process



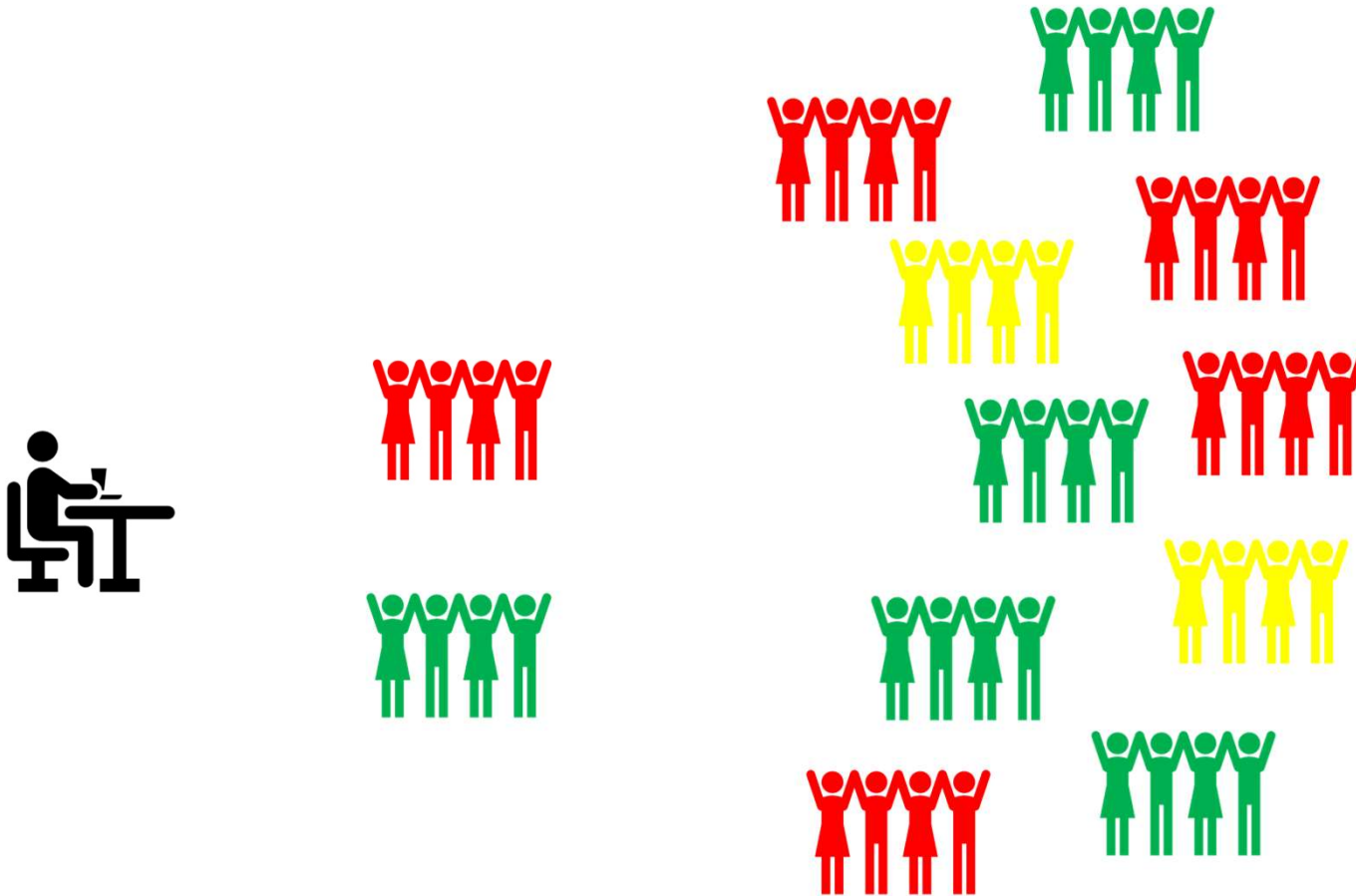
**Nicotine cap on cigarettes

*Ban on menthol cigarettes and characterizing flavors in cigars

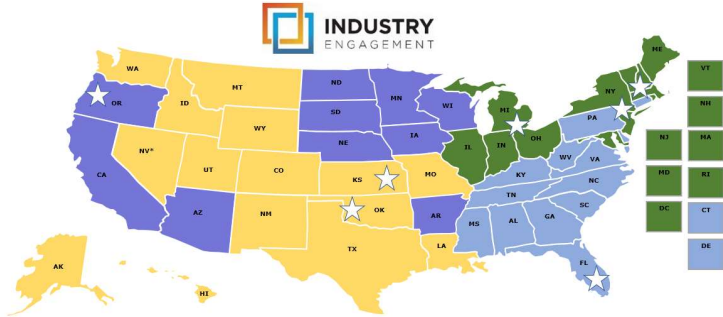
What Decision Makers Think



Advocacy Evens The Playing Field



Industry Engagement Resources



AGDC Industry Engagement Team

WILL YOU ADVOCATE FOR YOU?

STOP THE TOBACCO FLAVOR BAN
THE TEMPE CITY COUNCIL NEEDS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The City Council is considering a TOBACCO FLAVOR BAN! THAT HURTS YOU!

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PROTECT YOUR BUSINESS?
Contact your City Council members to make your voice heard and request to be cast at the upcoming Tempe Stakeholder Meetings.

- You are a licensed business owner willing to make a motion to vote only to add comments.
- The federal government already spent for legal aid to buy tobacco products to 21.
- Many menthol cigarettes and other tobacco products can be sold off state.
- This measure would negatively impact your business and employees.
- The city should not move forward with their flavored tobacco products.
- You and your employees are uninsured.

Retail Flyers

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Good Morning/Afternoon/Evening _____ My Name is _____ and I live _____
I would like _____ I am here today to ask you to support my request.

Introduce yourself. Consider talking first about yourself, including your store, your family, and/or your staff.

Explain why you are speaking to them. Consider sharing the number of years you have been part of the community, and your compliance record.

Share your thoughts on the bill. Please reference page 2 for talking points to consider.

Please vote No/Yes on _____. Thank you.

Testimony Template



Point of Sale



Advocacy Education

Action Alert

COLORADO: Stop a BAN on Menthol Cigarettes, Flavored Cigars, and Flavored Dip

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Letter to Lawmakers

Subject: Oppose a Tobacco Ban That Would Hurt Colorado's Small Businesses

As a business owner and constituent of yours, I am alarmed to hear that the Colorado legislature is considering a ban on menthol cigarettes, flavored dip, and flavored cigars—seen for adults 21+. I urge you to oppose this ban today.

This ban is unfair and unnecessary, especially the exemptions for dip, flavored cigars, and pipe tobacco. Why can some folks buy expensive cigars and pipe tobacco, but my customers can't buy their product at my store? Further, the exemption for age-restricted stores simply picks winners and losers among the retail community. It doesn't make sense to take youth access to tobacco products just as seriously.

Chain Account Solution

Licensed Tobacco Wholesalers and Retailers Embrace Harm Reduction, Not Prohibition

Over the last 30 years, through policy and business practice innovation, the regulated and licensed tobacco distribution chain has achieved enormous success at reducing youth use of cigarettes and cigars to historic lows. The trade between us and operates with a robust oversight system that is working, providing regulated, quality-controlled products to adult consumers while restricting youth access.

In the last year, the FDA has introduced its troubling proposed regulations that would ban the legal sale of menthol cigarettes and flavored cigars, even to adults 21 and older. This act of banning such a major part of the tobacco marketplace would cancel the regulated, age-gated system that the wholesale and retail trade has spent so well to build. Such ban would force a choice that takes retail in a regulated and established environment, and create every incentive for consumer demand to be met by the illicit market.

FDA is required to consider the full impact of these regulations before it finalizes them, including the negative consequences from a growth in illicit market sales of tobacco. Before finalizing these regulations, FDA will open a period of public comment, they are right to wait. For a period of 30 - 90 days.

There is a better path forward.

Instead of attempting to prohibit the supply of these products in the U.S. - a policy approach that has failed in the past - FDA should instead focus on equitable harm-reduction solutions that work. One education, cessation support, underage prevention, and authorizing new harmful alternatives for all adult smokers.

We believe the data supports harm reduction - not prohibition - as the best path forward to address menthol cigarette sales. According to government sources:

- Cigarette cigarette smoking is the lowest in a generation (1.3%)
- Underage menthol cigarette smoking is the lowest in a generation (0.8%)
- Underage menthol cigarette use among African Americans is lower than among Whites (0.5% vs 1.2%)
- Adult cigarette smoking in the U.S., including among African Americans, is at the lowest levels in a generation (1.5%)

Business Impact Whitepapers