

To: Members of the European Parliament

Brussels, the 20th of February

RE: Thank you for making a difference!

Dear Member of the European Parliament,

As representatives of patients with allergy, asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), we are very much concerned about tobacco use and marketing in Europe and the effects it has on citizens' health and ahead of the plenary vote on the report on the Tobacco Products Directive that is scheduled for next 26th of February, we are contacting you **to urge you to support the Directive as it stands.**

Europe has already fallen behind internationally on tobacco control and this Directive is essential if we are going to respect our obligations under the World Health Organisation Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. The revision of the Tobacco Products Directive as agreed by the Member States and the European Parliament in December makes remarkable steps forward in European tobacco control. In particular, your positive vote will ensure the protection of young people and children across Europe by saving many lives and preventing young European citizens from starting to smoke.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude at your active involvement and support during the revision of the Tobacco Products Directive, and we look forward to a positive outcome next week.

For all references and additional information, please check EFA's position paper available on our website at: <http://www.efanet.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/EFA-position-on-TPD.pdf>.

Yours sincerely,



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The European Federation of Allergy and Airways Diseases Patients' Associations (EFA) is a non-profit network of allergy, asthma and COPD patients organisations, representing 35 national associations in 22 countries and over 400,000 patients. EFA is dedicated to making Europe a place where people with allergies, asthma and COPD have the right to best quality of care and safe environment, live uncompromised lives and are actively involved in all decisions influencing their health. www.efanet.org



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