

## Letter to your Community Representative

### Instructions:

Write a letter to your local representative in support of or against raising the legal sale age of tobacco to 21. If your state or community has already raised the legal sale age of tobacco, craft a letter thanking your representative for his/her work raising the legal sale age or urging your representative to reconsider legislation. Your argument should incorporate information on:

1. Nicotine Addiction – How does nicotine affect the brain chemistry of adolescents differently than adults?
2. Brain Development – How does the brain change during adolescences?

### Letter format:

Need help formatting your letter? Follow the bullets below:

- Introduce yourself and state where you live and go to school.
- State whether you are in support or against legislation
- Explain why this issue is important to you (eg: personal story)
- Include three points that support your position
  - o This is a great place to include information on adolescent brain development and how nicotine affects the brain chemistry.

