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TO: Rep. Plummer & Speaker Vos and Sen. Testin & Sen. Majority Leader Fitzgerald and members of the Wisconsin Legislature.  
FROM: Chief Sean Marschke, 2019-2020 Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association President  
RE: URGE PASSAGE OF AB422 AND SB364

With the recent passage of federal legislation raising the tobacco and vape purchase age to 21, it is imperative to the state's law enforcement community that Wisconsin passes a clean T-21 bill that conforms to federal law.

Until state law mirrors federal law, state and local police powers' hands are tied to enforce the retail sale and purchase of these potentially dangerous products.

Tobacco and vape products have proven harmful even fatal to Wisconsin's youth. States that have raised the purchase age to 21 have seen a reduction in middle and high school student use. Without local law enforcement authority to enforce the 21 year age minimum there will likely be no effect on this epidemic.

The Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association strongly urges you to support a state law raising the tobacco and vape purchase age to 21 and asks that you encourage its swift advancement through the legislative process.

The WCPA represents law enforcement leaders in this state across 700 communities.

For more information please feel free to reach out to one of us:

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