

HOUSE BILL PUTS TOBACCO REGS IN HANDS OF FDA -- July 30, 2008

Rep. Castle is a leading cosponsor of bill he hopes will reduce tobacco related disease and marketing to children

Washington, DC -- Today, the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act (H.R. 1108) passed the House by a vote of 326-102. The bill, co-sponsored by Rep. Mike Castle (R-DE), is intended to end deceptive claims about tobacco products, strengthen warning labels, and provide the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) with the authority to reduce harmful components of tobacco products. Rep. Castle appealed to his colleagues this week, by letter, in an effort to urge their support for the legislation.

"Tobacco is the deadliest product on the market today, killing more than 400,000 Americans every year. Honest marketing, coupled with efforts to keep cigarettes out of the hands of children, is the best way to reduce tobacco-related deaths," said Rep. Castle.

The health of Americans is a priority for Rep. Castle, who actively works to boost prevention and outreach programs at the CDC, and the research being carried out by the NIH. In September he was honored by the American Cancer Society (ACS) with the 2007 National Distinguished Advocacy Award -- the ACS's highest honor. The Distinguished Advocacy Award is bestowed upon select legislators to recognize distinction and accomplishment in public policy advocacy pertaining to cancer.

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