



CITY OF ROCKY FORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Testimony for SB 18-139

1. Hello and good afternoon. My name is Angelo Griego III. I am the Captain for the Rocky Ford Police Department. I have proudly served the City of Rocky Ford and the Rocky Ford police department since 6-29-2004.
2. Thank you for your time and the opportunity to allow me to stand before you and tell you how if passed this bill will negatively impact the City of Rocky Ford and other cities in this state.
3. On 9-9-2014 the City of Rocky Ford was progressive in protecting their youth from non-cigarette tobacco products by passing Ord. 901 and 902. These ordinances in conjunction with current cigarette laws made it tougher for tobacco companies to push their products, through advertising and self-service displays to any youth entering a store where non cigarette tobacco products are sold. Just as important as the ordinances themselves is the enforcement of said ordinances. As outlined in the ordinances the Rocky Ford Police Department conducts 2 compliance checks within a one year period. By allowing municipalities the opportunity to create policies and ordinances which directly impact their citizens and in this case their youth, allows city government the opportunity regulate the vendors who chose to violate tobacco laws. If Without these Ordinances the youth of our cities are at the mercy of the Department of Revenue, because they are under staffed and do not have the time to conduct and enforce these laws on a regular basis. The City of Rocky Ford is currently able to do this and has been, successfully on a bi annually basis.
4. The Colorado Revised Statutes 25-1-508(5)(a) outlines the responsibilities and duties of a County board of Health or District Board of Health by the provisions of this subpart 3, a county board of health or a district board of health shall have and exercise the following specific powers and duties: To develop and promote the public policies needed to secure the conditions necessary for a healthy community. According to what is written in this bill and if it passes will not allow but hinder these entities, the ability to perform their required responsibilities and duties as outlined in the Colorado Revised Statute for our communities.
5. I ask you this if this bill is passed is that amount of money worth the risk of one youth in our communities, to be subjected to one of the most destructive and addictive substances sold in our local stores. Because the City of Rocky Ford has worked diligently to protect our youth from nicotine and tobacco products we say it is not worth it.
6. Help protect our citizens and our youth and vote no on SB 18-139. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Captain Angelo Griego III