

**IDAHO LEGISLATIVE ACTION ALERT**

To: All IPM&CSA Members
 From: Suzanne Budge, Executive Director
 Date: February 28, 2011
 Subject: **Legislative Alert – House Hearing Monday March 7 / H196 Tribal Cigarette Tax**

Legislative Action Alert – H196 – Please Contact Members of House Rev & Tax Committee
 H196 may be heard in House Revenue and Taxation cmte Monday March 7 at 9 am. Please contact members of the House Rev & Tax cmte IN SUPPORT of H196 – particularly if you have these members in your area. H196 imposes the state cigarette tax of 57 cents on non-tribal sales, and is strongly opposed by the tribes. I encourage you to attend the hearing as a show of support and testify as to how your business is impacted. Please contact me if you can attend!

PLEASE contact members of the House Rev & Tax Committee to SUPPORT H196.

Key Points to make:

Retailers near Indian reservations are at a significant competitive disadvantage for retail sales of cigarettes. Non-tribal members now save 57 cents per pack, a disadvantage that will only get much worse if Idaho raises the cigarette tax, as is contemplated by the 2011 legislature. Area retailers who do pay Idaho taxes are hurt not only cigarette sales on reservations but also on the sale of other items that are purchased at the same time.

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Please copy me on your correspondence! THANKS

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