

# PREEMPTION LAWS UNDERMINE EQUITY

*To advance health equity and protect Michigan kids and communities, local control over tobacco regulation must be restored*

## Why Does Michigan Need Local Control?

- Restrictions on local power to protect communities can undermine equity and states with policies preempting local public health laws often have higher rates of disease and premature death.
- Local laws serve as a blueprint and can support state enforcement efforts to help maintain compliance with existing state and federal laws.

## What Does Local Control Do?

- Addresses the disproportionate targeting of vulnerable populations by the tobacco industry.
- Gives cities and counties the opportunity to regulate the sales of all tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, in their communities.
- Allows local agencies to conduct compliance checks to ensure lawful sales of tobacco products within their communities.
- Reduces the toll of tobacco in Michigan and decrease tobacco-related monetary burdens for all Michiganders.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Adult and youth smoking rates in Michigan are significantly higher than the national average (according to Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids).
- Michigan spends \$5.3 billion annually on health care costs caused by smoking, \$1.5 billion in Medicaid costs caused by smoking, and \$11.5 billion in smoking-caused productivity losses.

*It's Time: Repeal Tobacco Law Preemption & Restore Local Control*

