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**Q1** Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Mark F. Armstrong
Organization (if any):	Chicago Urban Fine Arts Commonwealth
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60643

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Gubernatorial pardon for Rod Blagojevich, Partnering with city of Chicago on creating community-run economic development zones

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Not at this time.

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Witness Name:	Karen Larimer
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60606

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Vote yes on Tobacco 21

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**Q1** Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	<b>Ella Woodford-Parker</b>
Organization (if any):	<b>AMITA Health</b>
City/Town:	<b>Des Plaines</b>
State:	<b>IL</b>
ZIP:	<b>60016</b>

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**Witness Name:** George Blakemore  
**State:** IL

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**Q1** Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Dr. Kirin Joshi
Organization (if any):	Cook County Department of Public Health
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60618

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Good morning, I am Dr. Kirin Joshi, Senior Medical Officer for the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH), the state-certified public health authority for nearly all of suburban Cook County.

On behalf of Cook County Health, I am here today to testify in support of Commissioner Britton and Commissioner Suffredin's proposed ordinance to raise the minimum legal sales age for tobacco products, including electronic cigarettes, to 21.

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The teen age years are a critical time for tobacco prevention with 95% of smokers starting before the age of 21 and nearly 1 in 3 high school seniors in suburban Cook County using tobacco products. ,

The parts of the brain most responsible for decision making, impulse control, sensation seeking, and susceptibility to peer pressure continue to develop through young adulthood, and adolescent brains are uniquely vulnerable to the effects of nicotine and nicotine addiction.

There are several expected benefits to raising the minimum legal sales age.

- Tobacco 21 reduces teen access to tobacco products.

Research shows the majority of underage tobacco users rely on friends and acquaintances to get tobacco.

Raising the age makes it less likely that those who can legally purchase tobacco are within teenagers' social circles and also keeps tobacco out of schools.

- Tobacco 21 lowers smoking rates.

With 95% of smokers starting before the age of 21, the Institute of Medicine projects that Tobacco 21 policies could reduce overall smoking by 12% by the time today's teenagers become adults.

The biggest declines in tobacco use would be seen among 15-17 year olds (25%) and 18-20 year olds (15%).<sup>3</sup>

E-cigarettes are currently the most used tobacco product among youth.

In the last year, e-cigarette use has increased by 78% among high school students and 48% among middle school students.

Tobacco 21 policies that include e-cigarettes may help to slow the recent increase in use among youth.

Youth who use e-cigarettes are more likely to start using conventional cigarettes.

The U.S. Surgeon General urges immediate action to protect our nation's young people from a lifetime of nicotine addiction.

- Tobacco 21 improves overall health.

In addition to reducing the number of adolescents and young adults with adverse physiological effects (e.g., increased inflammation and impaired immune functioning) caused by smoking, raising the minimum legal age will also lessen the population's exposure to secondhand smoke and its associated health effects, both now and in the future.<sup>3</sup>

Finally, local communities play an important role in reducing tobacco use and exposure.

- Today, there is a growing movement around Tobacco 21 with more than 375 municipalities in the U.S. including Arlington Heights, Berwyn, Elk Grove Village, Evanston, Hoffman Estates, Maywood, Oak Park, Park Ridge, Skokie, and Wilmette that have increased their minimum legal sales age.

- In addition, nearly 7 out of 10 residents in suburban Cook County support a proposed Tobacco 21 policy.

Thank you for your continued leadership in promoting and protecting the health of children and young adults in suburban Cook County.

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Organization (if any):	American Heart Association
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60606

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AHA supports Tobacco 21

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**Q1** Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	<b>Dr. Donald Zeigler</b>
Organization (if any):	<b>American Heart Association</b>
City/Town:	<b>Evanston</b>
State:	<b>IL</b>
ZIP:	<b>60201-6525</b>

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will present oral presentation and copy of statement at the hearing

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