TFKC Legislative Priorities

Adopt a robust statewide Tobacco 21 policy
1. Increase in the retail license fee from $25 to $150 every two years (fee has not changed since 1972 and no longer functionally funds enforcement.
2. Remove youth penalties.
3. Increase in compliance checks from one to two required controlled buys per year.
4. Eliminate vending machines sales and sampling.

Remove exemptions for Kansas Indoor Clean Air statute:
1. Electronic cigarettes and vaping products
2. Casinos
3. Private clubs
4. Tobacco shops
5. 20% of hotel rooms

Increase cigarette tax by $1.50/pack with comparable increases on other tobacco products.
1. Cigarette tax is $1.29/pack (ranked 33rd in the U.S).
2. Other tobacco products are taxed at 10% of wholesale.
3. E-cigarettes "Consumable Material" (AKA e-liquid) is taxed at $0.05/mL

Adopt a comprehensive flavor ban for all flavors and all tobacco products.
1. Current statues are not stronger than federal law.

Fully fund tobacco prevention program.
1. In SFY 2019, the state allocated $847,041 to tobacco prevention, which is 3% of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's annual spending target.

Expand Medicaid to enhance tobacco cessation support.
1. In 2018, Kansas expanded cessation coverage for Medicaid recipients that includes no limits on quit attempts.