

## 2014 Legislative Session Update



### Week 6 Update Friday, April 11, 2014

Week six of the 2014 Legislative Session has been a great example of what we can do when we work together with you and our partners!

On Monday, we had a press event together with the American Lung Association, the American Heart Association, the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids and the Florida Association of Counties, to rally against HB 169, the dangerous e-cigarette bill that's headed to the House Floor. The event received excellent news coverage around the state including a front page [article](#) and an [editorial](#) by the Miami Herald. Our message is getting out and we're gaining traction!

We're fighting back against HB 169 by Representatives Frank Artiles (R- Miami) and Ronald "Doc" Renuart (R- Ponte Vedra Beach) which seeks to strip local governments of their ability to regulate tobacco products invariably blocking all future opportunities to protect kids in the retail environment. There are currently 85 communities in Florida who have ordinances regulating the sale and placement of tobacco products. All of them would be overturned if the tobacco industry gets their way and passes this bill.

You have a unique opportunity to help us kill this bad legislation. Next week, legislators will be home in their districts for Easter break. Drop by their office! Call their staff! Take in an article from your local paper! Tell them to vote NO on HB 169 and protect Florida's children from the dangers of tobacco products! HB 169 will be on the House floor as soon as they get back from the break! You make an impact if you take action! [Click here](#) to find you Representative in the House. [Click here](#) to find your local Senator. We need your help to fight back against this bill! If you have any questions about how you can take action, please contact Bobbie McKee at [bobbie.mckee@cancer.org](mailto:bobbie.mckee@cancer.org) or 813.349.4201.

Updated information on ACS CAN's legislative priorities can be found at [www.acscan.org/florida](http://www.acscan.org/florida). You can follow the action in real-time on Twitter at [@ACSCAN Florida](https://twitter.com/ACSCAN_Florida) and please be sure to click [here](#) and "like" our new Facebook page.

Yours in the fight,  
Heather