

use of e-cigarettes is putting our children at risk of lifelong addiction to nicotine.

Every day that e-cigarettes continue to go unregulated, more and more children and teens are being exposed to nicotine—which according to the Surgeon General poses health risks for adolescent brain development.

E-cigarettes also contain potentially dangerous chemicals like benzene, cadmium, formaldehyde, propylene glycol, and some of the very same nanoparticles that are in traditional cigarettes according to the California Department of Public Health.

But those chemicals are masked by e-cigarette flavors like bubble gum and gummy bear—which are clearly marketed toward children.

And the industry's dangerous targeting of young people is working. New research published in the Journal of the American Medical Association just this week shows that 81 percent of teens who have ever tried an e-cigarette started with a flavored one—81 percent.

Combine those flavors with TV ads airing during the most popular youth TV shows and Big Tobacco is clearly seeking to lure the next generation into a lifetime of addiction to their products. A study published in the journal “Pediatrics” last year found that youth exposure to television e-cigarette advertisements increased 256 percent from 2011 to 2013.

This is not an accident. Big Tobacco used the same marketing tactics with traditional cigarettes decades ago—until we stopped them. These companies will not stop until millions more are hooked on nicotine.

So what do we do? We need to protect the health of our children by regulating e-cigarettes just like traditional cigarettes.

The administration needs to issue the final FDA rule to regulate e-cigarettes, which is currently at OMB. It has been more than a year and a half since it was first proposed. While this rule may not go as far as I would like, it is a critical first step, and it must be approved immediately.

First, the regulation should ban the sale of e-cigarettes to minors because it is just common sense. Take these dangerous products out of the hands of our children.

Nearly every State already bans sales to minors—it is beyond time the Federal Government makes this the law of the land.

Second, the FDA should subject products to FDA review before they can be marketed.

Third, the FDA should ensure that e-cigarettes are labeled with health warnings.

Fourth, I want the FDA to go even further and ban flavors and marketing tactics that appeal to children—and ban online sales as well.

Now, we have seen some progress in how e-cigarettes are being handled—like the Department of Transpor-

tation's announcement yesterday that it will ban e-cigarettes from checked bags to reduce the risk of fires in flight. But we are still waiting for the final DOT rule prohibiting the use of e-cigarettes on board airplanes—where passengers are subject to the potentially toxic secondhand exposure.

The cost of doing nothing is putting too many lives at risk. The research is clear, and as time goes by, Americans are worried for their health and safety—and parents are worried about the long-term health consequences for our children.

Just listen to what Sondra, from Corona, CA, told me. She says, “I have worked in our local high schools for almost 15 years. The e-cigarettes definitely need to be regulated for people under 18. I am consistently told by students that ‘these are better’ than traditional cigarettes. They don’t realize the harm and the addictive qualities are still present.”

There is no time to lose. We don’t need another public health epidemic just as we have finally started to save lives by reducing cigarette smoking.

I join my colleagues and urge the administration to finalize the pending regulation. We cannot wait another day.

REMEMBERING DR. JIM SAMPSON

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I wish to honor an illustrious individual in both Oregon and the Nation's HIV/AIDS research and treatment community who passed away on October 4 of this year. Dr. Jim Sampson, while born a Georgia southerner, made Portland, OR, his home for the past 36 years. As a father, husband, brother, uncle, and friend, Jim generated an inclusive atmosphere of passion, love, and laughter wherever he went. As a medical doctor and a fervent leader in the fight against HIV/AIDS through research and treatments, Jim brought hope and compassion to his daily interactions with colleagues and patients alike. For Jim, no person or job was too big or too small to embrace.

In 1979, after Jim graduated from Emory University and the Medical College of Georgia, he moved to Portland to become the medical director of the health services division and the HIV/AIDS program at Multnomah County Health Department. At a time when a lack of public education and stigmatization of HIV/AIDS stymied research in America, Jim fought to build a greater understanding of the disease. Because of Jim's desire to see HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment improve through extensive research and because of the way he showed love and hope in his interactions with his patients, Jim helped push the doors open wide in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

Over the years, Jim expanded his involvement in the community and the field of HIV/AIDS research and treatment. He would go on to become the chairman of the Oregon Board of Med-

ical Examiners; cofound the Oregon AIDS taskforce; cofound Art AIDS; and sit as executive director and principal investigator at the Research and Education Group, where Jim and his colleagues conducted clinical research. Jim even managed to find time to serve on the board of trustees for the Portland Institute for Contemporary Art and the Pacific Northwest College of Art. Also, over the past 35 years, both Jim and his husband, Geof Beasley, created an unbelievable Sherwood, OR, garden, Bella Madrona, a place where Jim's love of community, advocacy, and family still live on. The Bella Madrona garden has been nationally and internationally recognized, not only for its remarkable beauty, but as the site for many benefits through the years, including human and animal rights, environmental causes, and the arts.

Jim was a valued and loved leader, a healer, and a family man worthy of emulation. With a full and loving heart and an ambitious mindset, Jim selflessly served Oregon and the Nation. While Jim will be remembered by those whose lives he touched, he will especially be remembered as a loving husband and partner of 47 years to Geof Beasley; dedicated father to daughter Adele; and caring brother to sisters, Miriam Tillman and Elizabeth Martin, and brother, George. I honor the esteemed life and career of Dr. Jim Sampson and thank him for his enduring legacy.

CONGRATULATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SKANNER NEWS GROUP

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, this year marks the 40th anniversary of the Skanner News Group, a renowned print and online news publication that serves African and African-American communities in Portland, OR, and the Northwest.

Since 1975, the Skanner News Group has provided in-depth and essential coverage of its community as it relates to politics, social justice, civil rights, art, and food, all while holding true to its mission statement: “Challenging people to shape a better future now.” The Skanner certainly has been a catalyst for change. In the late 1980s, it was the Skanner's coverage of the debate to rename Union Avenue in Northeast Portland for Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard that played a crucial role in ensuring the community's request was fulfilled. Whether it is honoring minority-owned businesses or running profiles on the Black Lives Matter movement, the Skanner is there to cover and inform all of us in Portland about the most important issues and topics of our time.

The Skanner's long list of awards is a testament not just to the importance of this publication, but also the quality of its reporting. It has received multiple National Newspaper Publishers Association awards and is a three-time

winner of the West Coast Black Publishers Association's "Publisher of the Year" award. As well as the national recognitions are local well-earned accolades that further demonstrate what the Skanner means to readers across the Northwest.

Behind the success of this historic publication is a hard-working team that has been instrumental in building the Skanner these past four decades and positioning it for success for decades to come. I would like to especially acknowledge cofounders Bobbie and Bernie Foster, two people I consider the heart and soul of this operation. Beyond the publication, they created the Skanner Foundation, which runs a scholarship program that awards \$1,000 each to the best and brightest young people to help them accomplish their educational goals. Bobbie and Bernie's passion for giving back is a key component of what makes them and the Skanner so special.

In addition to all this great work, the foundation organizes an annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., breakfast that is renowned in Oregon as being an event that justly honors one of the greatest civil rights leaders of our time. I have been privileged to attend the breakfast and know full well what a huge impact it has.

The Skanner News Group is an institution that serves to better our community, by inspiring, uplifting, and informing. I would like to congratulate the staff on reaching their 40th anniversary and wish them the best in the years to come.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

CONGRATULATING DICK ANDERSON

- Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate Richard "Dick" Anderson on receiving the United Service Organization, USO, Volunteer of the Year award. USO Las Vegas proudly offers two locations within McCarran International Airport for our Nation's servicemembers and their families to relax and feel at home. Open 24 hours and staffed by volunteers like Mr. Anderson, each location offers these brave men and women a place to enjoy free electronic stations, entertainment, and food service. I am grateful for all USO Las Vegas does for Nevada's servicemembers, and it gives me great pleasure to see a fellow Nevadan, Mr. Anderson, receive this national award in recognition for volunteering to make this operation a reality.

Mr. Anderson has been an incredible contributor to this organization, dedicating countless volunteer hours to help military families. He serves as volunteer outreach team leader and welcome home/deployment assist team leader. Throughout the past year, USO Las Vegas has undergone great change with the installment of an additional location at McCarran International

Airport. During this time, Mr. Anderson offered a great amount of support to the organization and even created the volunteer outreach team to meet the extra need for volunteers at the new location.

Throughout his time volunteering, Mr. Anderson has worked tirelessly to plan numerous events, recruit volunteers, and further expand the organization. His determination has proven to be successful, helping to bring in more than 500 new volunteers since July 2014. From Easter events to fundraising and recruiting, Mr. Anderson has truly put our military community first. Our State is fortunate to have someone like Mr. Anderson—a man of great selflessness and commitment—working to help our Nation's heroes and their families.

There is no way to adequately thank our servicemembers who put their lives on the line in defense of our freedoms. Mr. Anderson is a shining example of the manner in which we should respect our men and women in uniform. He deeply cares for our veterans, working to make each moment he volunteers count. Without a doubt, his work brings greater happiness to Las Vegas' military community.

Today, I ask my colleagues and all Nevadans to join me in recognizing all of Mr. Anderson's hard work and congratulating him on receiving this much deserved award. Nevada is lucky to have this incredible community member working to support our military men and women, and I wish him the best of luck in all of his future endeavors.●

RECOGNIZING MARCH FARM

- Mr. MURPHY. Mr. President, I wish to congratulate March Farm, a fourth generation family farm from Connecticut, on its 100-year anniversary. Since 1915, when Thomas and Rose Marchukaitis put down \$2,500 to buy 114 acres of land, the March family has worked hard to produce delicious and healthy fruits and vegetables for the people of Connecticut.

March Farm, like many of Connecticut's nearly 6,000 farms, is small and family owned. Situated in beautiful Bethlehem, CT, they have a growing community supported agriculture business that now has about 90 members receiving regular crates of produce. They have worked hard to implement efficient, modern farming practices, even as they eschew chemical pesticides and use environmentally sensitive pest management practices. These practices and the bucolic setting they are located in are part of the reason they were recently named Connecticut's "best farm/orchard experience" by Connecticut Magazine.

Many of my colleagues may be surprised to think of Connecticut as a farming state, but I am glad to report that farming is alive, well, and growing at home. The movement towards locally produced fruits and vegetables and a growing awareness among con-

sumers about healthy, sustainable food choices has supported a nearly 60 percent increase in the number of farms in Connecticut since the 1980s. And many young people, like Ben March, are leaving desk jobs to rediscover the fulfillment of farming, reinvigorating this vital sector.

These farms are an integral part of the fabric of our communities, but they need our help to continue to thrive. Although small farms like March Farm make up fully 90 percent of all farms in the United States, large operations account for the vast bulk of production and sales of produce nationwide. Small family farms face a number of challenges, not least slimmer profit margins and higher risk. I will continue to fight for small, local farm supports such as beginning farmer and rancher grants and robust farm safety net programs.

March Farm is an example of the best of Connecticut, and I wish them continued success over their next 100 years.●

RECOGNIZING ARROWROCK DAM

- Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the 100th anniversary of Arrowrock Dam, situated in the great State of Idaho and its own "eighth wonder of the world." This landmark is a testament to the vision and hard work of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in both the initial building of the structure and keeping it operational over the past 100 years.

Formerly, the site of a private irrigation venture helmed by Arthur De Wint Foote, the Arrowrock Dam was the grandest project undertaken by the Bureau of Reclamation when it began in 1912. The dam stands at 350 feet high and spans 1,150 feet with a record breaking 527,300 cubic yards of concrete laid on the dam.

The magnificent dam was dedicated 100 years ago on October 4, 1915. It set many records, standing as the tallest dam in the world until a taller one was built in Switzerland in 1924. Arrowrock proved to be a popular tourist attraction in that first year, drawing approximately 12,000 visitors in its first week of operation. The Arrowrock Dam received acclaim from across the country and even the world.

Arrowrock Dam has allowed Idahoans to not only preserve our lands, but also thrive by providing needed irrigation water for agricultural uses. Caring for the land shows a commitment to future generations while using the resources provided for the needs of today. In addition, thousands of people a year enjoy the many recreational activities provided by the dam. We have enjoyed 100 years of protection from Arrowrock, and I look forward to continued improvement of the dam and its service to the people of Boise and other Idahoans.

I congratulate everyone involved in its building, as well as the continued maintenance of this landmark. I wish