

The Ohio State Medical Association House of Delegates and the American Medical Association House of Delegates recently and unanimously passed resolutions that they would support legislation that would prohibit the sale of tanning parlor ultraviolet radiation to those 17 years of age and younger. This could mean fewer hassles between defiant children and their concerned knowledgeable parents and grandparents when children have peer pressure to use these hazardous and cancer-producing tanning beds.

The FDA has ruled that tanning ultraviolet radiation is carcinogenic whether radiation originates from tanning beds or natural sunlight. However, tanning bed radiation penetrates deeper and does more harm than natural sunlight. The NIH states that it may take only 20 minutes of exposure to tanning parlor radiation to do the damage of 5 hours of natural sunlight. People receive most of their lifetime tanning radiation exposure before the age of 18. One out of every 5 children is now destined to develop a skin cancer during their lifetime because of exposure to tanning radiation. America is experiencing a skin cancer epidemic with more than a doubling of the annual incidence in the last 20 years. Twenty years ago about 500,000 cases of skin cancer were diagnosed each year. Now the incidence of skin cancer is well over 1,000,000 cases diagnosed each year. The World Health Organization has recommended that NO ONE under the age of 18 use tanning parlor radiation.

With cooperation, education, perseverance and your helping signature, we can accomplish the goal of promoting the health and safety of children and reducing their future cost of healthcare.

Please sign the statement of support which will be used to encourage legislatures to pass a law to prohibit the sale of tanning parlor ultraviolet radiation to those 17 years of age and younger and be a co-catalyst in a potential significant historical medical event. Thank you.

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Print Name _____
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