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get them as well. Really, Senator, what were you thinking? Or, you've got to be kidding, Senator, no way. Or, the kids where I live have plenty of disposable income, you must be nuts. Sound a little familiar? I've gotten the same mail. I then send back a note that says, gosh, send me any kind of evidence that says price changes don't affect consumption by youth. I haven't gotten a single letter back a second time. And the reason is there is an overwhelming body of evidence that says youth particularly are price-sensitive in smoking. Now, I'm going to do my best to take us through a number of pieces of evidence here. They come from Alaska, they come from California, they come from Oregon, they come from Arizona, they come from Canada, they come from states that have done significant changes, they come from econometric models. The message is alike everywhere: children in particular are price-sensitive on cigarettes. The range of efficacy here ranges from someplace between 7 percent and 15 percent. The huddling of numbers is someplace around 12 and 13 percent difference. I'll tell you why I say that. Because there are several sources that focus on the 12, 13, and 14 percent range. And what does...what is the statistic I'm suggesting to you? I'm saying a 10 percent increase in price yields a 12, 13 or 14 percent reduction in teen smoking. Let me say that again. A 10 percent increase in price equals a 13, 14, 15 percent reduction in teen smoking. I'm going to offer an amendment to this bill. You know what the bill says now, because it appears in your e-mails, it says there's a 66 percent...66 cent increase in taxes. I know I have overstepped the mark for this body, I know the body will not entertain a 66 cent tax increase. I will offer you, after the committee amendments, a 30 cent tax increase, which is the 10 percent price increase that is supported by the data. With that amendment, you're looking at a 10 percent increase in price, and you're looking at an effect in change of youth patterns of 12, 13, or 14 percent of youth smoking. There will be a drop in adult smoking as well, roughly along the lines of 4 percent. Why the difference between youth and adults? Because youth are more price-sensitive. The fact is that the addiction, which affects them terrifically, but still isn't as...as influential as the adults', and adults do have more disposable income with which they will make the price adjustments and pay for the increased cost of cigarettes, even though a number of them do drop out and reduce consumption.