

ROLE PLAY SCRIPT

WHO: President, VT Lung Association
WHAT: argues FOR
WHERE: scheduled to testify in committee

PROPS:

- Name tag
- Notes (statistics)
- Copy of bill

The President of VT Lung Assoc. should have data proving that increased cigarette smoking has a direct relationship to the number of people who get ill or die from lung cancer and that smoking is related to other health problems.

QUESTIONS TO ASK COMMITTEE

1. “Don’t we have a responsibility to protect our youth?”

Your argument: Our youth may not get sick now from smoking, but they almost certainly will later in life. We should try to curb smoking knowing that it will affect health in the future.

2. “Should there be bigger penalties for those 18 year olds buying cigarettes based on the health risks that we now know about?”

Your argument: Young smokers add to the spiraling health care costs our country is facing.