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## **NBNA Stands in Solidarity with Other Healthcare Advocates Across the Country**

*U.S. House Approves Bill to Reverse Youth E-Cigarette Epidemic, Prohibit Flavored Tobacco Products*



**Pictured:** House Speaker Nancy Pelosi with Ad in Support of Prohibiting Flavored Tobacco Products. HR 2339 Passed in the House.

The National Black Nurses Association (NBNA) is pleased with the recent decision by the U.S. House of Representatives to prohibit all flavored tobacco products, including flavored e-cigarettes, menthol cigarettes, and flavored cigars.

Standing in solidarity with 75 public health, medical, education, parent, civil rights and other organizations, NBNA supports H.R. 2339, the "Protecting American Lungs and Reversing the Youth Tobacco Epidemic Act of 2020." The bill seeks to reduce health disparities and the disproportionate impact of tobacco-caused lung cancer, heart disease and respiratory disease in the

African American community caused by the targeted marketing of the tobacco industry. “This is a strong victory in the right direction and a true testament to the power of collaboration,” says NBNA President Dr. Martha A. Dawson. “NBNA will continue to educate our nursing community to support comprehensive efforts to reduce the rates of smoking and vaping and its devastating effects.”

Information pertaining to H.R. 2339 “Protecting American Lungs and Reversing the Youth Tobacco Epidemic Act of 2020 can be found [here](#).

To learn more about the NBNA’s work on e-cigarettes and additional legislative priority areas, click [here](#).

To learn about the risks of consuming e-cigarettes, click [here](#).

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### **About NBNA**

The National Black Nurses Association, founded in 1971, is a professional organization, representing 250,000 African American registered nurses, licensed vocational/practical nurses and nursing students. The mission of NBNA is to “serve as the voice for Black nurses and diverse populations ensuring equal access to professional development, promoting educational opportunities and improving health.” To learn more or to get involved, visit us at nbna.org or call 301-589-3200. Connect with us on Facebook (National Black Nurses Association), Twitter (@NbnaInc) and Instagram (@nbna\_insta).