

Dear Legislator:

Currently in the Iowa Dermatologic Society, American Academy of Pediatrics, American Association of Family Practice, the American Cancer Association, and other melanoma advocates all recommend legislation banning tanning for minors: This addresses the dangers of indoor tanning. If passed, this bill will ban tanning for minors.

If passed, this bill will help reduce our residents' risk of skin cancer. Please consider a story on the importance of passing this legislation based on the following information:

- Indoor tanning is associated with a 75 percent increase in the risk of melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer.
- Melanoma incidence rates have been increasing for at least 30 years and melanoma is increasing faster in young women (15-29 years old) than in young men in the same age group – and a major difference in behavior is that women are more likely to use indoor tanning beds.
- One American dies from melanoma almost every hour.
- The United States Department of Health and Human Services and the World Health Organization's International Agency of Research on Cancer have stated that UV radiation causes cancer and that UV radiation from artificial sources such as tanning beds and sun lamps is just as dangerous as UV radiation from the sun and should be avoided.

As Iowa Dermatologist, we can speak directly about the importance of this bill and educate your audience about the dangers of indoor tanning. If you would like to set up an interview or desire more information, please contact Lisa Lammers at the IDS to get you in touch with several Iowa practicing dermatologists on the front lines. We can also get you patients and loved ones who have experienced the ravages of melanoma first hand.

For more information on indoor tanning and the associated health risks, please visit the American Academy of Dermatology's website at [http://www.aad.org/media/background/factsheets/fact\\_indoortanning.html](http://www.aad.org/media/background/factsheets/fact_indoortanning.html).

We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

The Iowa Dermatologic Society