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**STATEMENT FROM LAURA CORBIN, BUREAU
CHIEF OF TOBACCO FREE FLORIDA ON THE
PASSING OF WALKER MCKNIGHT, THE FACTS
NOW PARTICIPANT**

All of us at Tobacco Free Florida are deeply saddened by the loss of Walker McKnight, a participant in THE FACTS NOW's Textimonial campaign. Walker, who passed away on December 31 at the age of 25 had previously undergone a double lung and kidney transplant due to his health having been severely impacted by e-cigarettes.

Walker was a passionate advocate for raising awareness about the dangers of vaping and was dedicated to sharing his personal story to encourage young people in Florida to quit vaping or never start.

Walker will be remembered by Tobacco Free Florida for his dedication and his desire to help others avoid the health issues he faced. We extend our condolences to his family, friends, and loved ones.

If you'd like to view Walker's Textimonial, [visit this link](#).

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About Tobacco Free Florida

The Florida Department of Health's Tobacco Free Florida campaign is a statewide cessation and prevention campaign funded by Florida's tobacco settlement fund. Since the program began in 2007, more than 295,000 Floridians have successfully quit using one of Tobacco Free Florida's free tools and services. There are now approximately 451,000 fewer adult smokers in Florida than there were 10 years ago, and the state has saved \$17.7 billion in health care costs. To learn more about Tobacco Free Florida's Quit Your Way services, visit TobaccoFreeFlorida.com or follow the campaign on Facebook at Facebook.com/TobaccoFreeFlorida or on X at X.com/tobaccofreefla.