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In response to rising postage rates, we are pleased to offer you the option of paying your LIGRA dues annually online, with no fees for ACH payments. Please contact our office to arrange access to this convenient payment method.

PMI USA tobacco nicotine pouches, are now sponsoring our bi-monthly LIGRA Newsletter mailings. We encourage our members to express their support for this partnership.

ZYN nicotine pouches provide 28 million¹ American adults who smoke cigarettes a better option than continued smoking. Government policies on tobacco and nicotine should be based on science and common sense policies to ensure adult smokers have access to FDA-authorized smoke-free products.



What Is ZYN?

- ◆ ZYN is a small pouch made with plant-based fibers that contains naturally-derived, pharmaceutical-grade nicotine, food-grade fillers, and flavorings for a smoke-free and spit-free experience.
- ◆ It is designed to be placed between the upper lip and gum, allowing the nicotine to be absorbed orally.
- ◆ ZYN is available with 2 nicotine levels (3mg and 6mg) in 10 varieties mirroring longstanding smokeless tobacco product flavors.
 - ▶ Flavored - Menthol, Cool Mint, Peppermint, Wintergreen, Spearmint, Cinnamon, Coffee, and Citrus.
 - ▶ Unflavored - Smooth and Chill.

ZYN & Harm Reduction

- ◆ ZYN pouches have almost undetectable levels² of cancer-causing toxins compared to other smokeless tobacco products.³
- ◆ The overwhelming majority of ZYN users change their smoking behavior after starting ZYN.
 - ▶ Over 50 percent stopped smoking cigarettes.
 - ▶ Nearly one-third reduced the number of cigarettes smoked each day by more than half.⁴



The "Swedish Experience" & Real-World Evidence

The Swedish experience continues to provide real-world evidence and epidemiological data demonstrating the power of smoke-free tobacco products to reduce the harm caused by cigarettes.

- ◆ Tobacco-related illness and mortality for men is lower in Sweden⁵ than in any other European country.
- ◆ Smoking rates in Sweden have fallen to the lowest levels in Europe⁶, all while smoke-free product use has increased.

The Swedish experience is real-world evidence of how access to affordable, acceptable smoke-free products provides a better choice for adult smokers.

Adult Smokers Deserve Access To Better Choices: Smoke-Free Products

- ◆ ZYN is not risk-free. It contains nicotine, which is addictive.
- ◆ For adults smokers, quitting all tobacco products is always the best choice.
- ◆ On average, nine out of 10⁷ adult smokers continue smoking each year.
- ◆ ZYN is a better choice than continued smoking for these adult smokers.

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LIGRA Working For You



The Suffolk County Health Department is currently issuing summonses for failing to register bulk storage drums or not having proper containment. The County also requires waste oil storage tanks to be registered (permitted) and placed within a containment system.

To help address these requirements, LIGRA has partnered with vendors who can provide assistance with waste oil containment systems.

Additionally, we've arranged a special promotion with Might Distributors on their 6-gallon bag-in-a-box oil, offering LIGRA members competitive pricing—comparable to, or even lower than, what you currently pay for drum oil.



For more information, contact Chris at LIGRA at 631-755-5550.





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One of the most significant challenges we have heard from our members is the difficulty in finding qualified mechanics. The shortage of skilled professionals has been a recurring concern in the automotive repair industry.

Collaboration with Trade Schools

To address this issue, we are actively partnering with trade schools that specialize in automotive repair. These schools are eager to place their newly trained mechanics in reputable and well-managed repair shops. By working together, we aim to help both employers and graduates find the best opportunities.



Interested in Hiring?

If you are interested in hiring any of these mechanics, please contact our LIGRA office at 631-755-5550. We will coordinate with the trade schools to provide you with resumes and arrange interviews at your location.

TIME TO UPDATE YOUR TRAINING

New York State, MANDATES all employers, regardless of the company's size, must have a sexual harassment policy. Employers must also conduct ANNUAL interactive sexual harassment training and provide a written anti-harassment policy to ALL employees, to help keep you in compliance with these regulations.

To comply with the MANDATORY interactive sexual harassment training, LIGRA will be hosting this training class. These classes will be held in our LIGRA Office .

We do also offering sexual harassment training in addition, at your location. The cost is \$40.00 per person for LIGRA members and \$75 per person for non-LIGRA members.

Contact us to set up your training, at Chris@LIGRA.COM



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Before the warm weather fully sets in, make sure your A/C is working properly



CHECK YOUR TIRES

Test the pressure and tread depth. Spring means rain, and rain means wet roads, so your tires need to be in tip top shape



WASH AND WAX

After months of kicking up ice, salt, dirt and other grime, your car could use a good scrub. Don't forget the mirrors, headlights and taillights

DID YOU KNOW?

You can use toothpaste to help wipe away filth from your headlights and taillights

DID YOU KNOW?

You can check the tread by placing a penny between the tire's ribs. If you can see the top of Honest Abe's head, it might be time for a new set of tires

GOVERNOR HOCHUL VETO A BLOW TO LONG ISLAND SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS, OPERATORS AND WORKERS

Statement by Steve Wunderlich, President Long Island Gasoline Retailers Association

Governor Hochul squandered an opportunity to right a longstanding wrong that has frustrated mostly small family-owned and operated gasoline service station businesses in New York State for nearly thirty years. Despite industry representatives working with her administration for the last several years on regulations to update the state's vehicle safety inspection program, the Governor's veto "put the brakes on" improving the safety of the traveling public and providing these small businesses a fair fee level for performing this vital service.

Most vehicle owners would be shocked to learn that the fee NY stations are permitted by regulation to collect for the state-mandated safety inspection has been \$8 (\$10 minus \$2 to the state) for nearly three decades! Meanwhile, inflation and all manner of state, local taxes and fees continue to go up each year ostensibly to pay for the rising costs of government services.

There are 10,000 New York State licensed inspection stations, performing annual safety inspections for vehicles on New York roadways. We are forced to perform this safety inspection work essentially at a financial loss. When done properly, a safety and emissions inspection should take an inspector at least an hour to perform all the mandated tasks. The state's frozen-in-time rate of \$8, if paid to workers by a private sector employer for an hours work, would be a gross labor violation.

It is not reasonable to subcontract the enforcement of such a vital regulation to thousands of New Yorker businesses and continue to do so at a rate that has not been adjusted since 1986.

If I were to pay my inspectors at the rate the state pays me for inspections, you would shut my business down for labor violations. It is not reasonable to subcontract such a vital regulation to thousands of New Yorkers and continue to do so at a rate that has not been adjusted since 1986.

The inspection stations are small businesses that, at a minimum, should be allowed to recover the actual costs for performing the inspection, pay a legal and living wage, and do so while enhancing the safety of all New Yorkers. The bill the Governor vetoed would have done that.

The legislation would have simply directed the NYS Department of Motor Vehicles to conduct a study on updating the inspection standards and fees for the annual motor vehicle safety and emissions inspection in NY. Two hundred legislators supported this approach; none voted against it.

LIGRA leadership will continue to work with our state elected representatives and the administration to compel the timely release of the updated regulations and advance a commensurate adjustment in the safety inspection fee. Otherwise, we are committed to exploring other options on behalf of our membership.



Department of Motor Vehicles

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The DMV field inspectors are out in force conducting undercover inspections. The fines they have been issuing have more than doubled, and court appearances have not significantly reduced these fines.

Therefore, it is important to ensure that all inspections are thorough and complete. These are some of the violations that licensed inspection stations can incur:

- Issuing inspection stickers without performing proper inspections.
- Using unauthorized or fraudulent inspection stickers.
- All lug nuts are checked.
- The ends of the wiper blades are intact.
- The rear safety belts are present and functional.
- There are batteries in the tint meter, and that all windows comply with the tint limits.
- Failing to maintain the required equipment or records.
- Performing inspections by uncertified inspectors.
- Conducting inspections outside the scope of the station's license (e.g., emissions testing without proper authorization).



The Long Island Gasoline Retailers Association is a non-profit trade association located ON LONG ISLAND in New York State. We work locally, STATE WIDE, AND ON THE FEDERAL LEVEL WHEN NECESSARY. for PAST 89 years WE HAVE WORKED aggressively TO defend the small-scale, independent business owners, who comprise our membership

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