**IT’S TIME FOR SMOKING TO COME OUT OF THE CLOSET**

- **1960**: First Surgeon General’s Report: *Smoking & Health* establishes that smoking causes higher death rates from lung cancer, chronic bronchitis, emphysema, and cardiovascular diseases.

- **1964-1990s**: 24 additional Surgeon General’s Reports on smoking are released, *ZERO MENTION LGBT*.

- **2001**: Surgeon General’s Report *Women & Smoking* mentions *LGB SMOKING DISPARITY* for the first time.

- **2014**: LGBT clearly delineated as a population experiencing tobacco disparities in the 50th Anniversary Surgeon General’s Report.

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**SMOKING IS THE LGBT COMMUNITY’S BIGGEST HEALTH BURDEN**

- **$7.9 billion**: Estimated annual LGBT money spent on cigarettes.

- **20%**: U.S. Population.

- **33%**: LGBT Population.

- **LGBT people smoke cigarettes at rates that are 68% higher than the rest of the population.**

- **LIFE-YEARS LOST**:
  - **12.3** smokers with HIV vs **5.1** non-smokers with HIV.

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