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1 **Relating to:** Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Awareness Month.

2 Whereas, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), also known as
3 chronic bronchitis and emphysema, is a serious lung disease that, over time, makes
4 it difficult to breathe; and

5 Whereas, because the disease develops slowly and gradually worsens, many
6 people delay seeking diagnosis and treatment until the disease reaches its late
7 stages; and

8 Whereas, risk factors for the disease include a history of smoking, long-term
9 exposure to secondhand smoke, and exposure to certain chemicals, dust, or fumes in
10 the workplace; and

11 Whereas, COPD is now the third leading cause of death in America, affecting
12 one in five adults over the age of 45 in the United States and more than 234,700 in
13 the state of Wisconsin; and

