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Senator Ellen Corbett, Majority Leader
Att'n: Sean Connelly
California State Capitol, Room 313
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR YOUR BILL, SB 648 (Corbett)

Dear Senator Corbett:

The California Academy of Preventive Medicine (CAPM) is pleased to announce our strong support for your bill, SB 648, which was recently endorsed by our Board. Our Academy is the state medical specialty society for physicians practicing in the fields of public health and preventive medicine.

You have correctly identified yet-another effort by the tobacco industry to peddle its addictive toxins to our citizens. Clearly nicotine is the primary addictive substance of cigarettes which the industry is trying now to deliver to our residents in yet-another creatively profitable form. It is a harmful drug which they are now attempting to deliver through a medical device outside this nation and state's regulatory structures. It is also an attempt to get-around California's tobacco control standards of practice and legal / regulatory requirements. Thank you for moving to protect us all.

In summary, CAPM believes that SB 648 is an important public health measure. **Please assure that the California Academy of Preventive Medicine is listed as a supporter of SB 648, by any further committee or floor analysts. If there are future changes in the bill wording, please keep us informed so we can reassess and reaffirm support in that event.**

Sincerely,

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