Letter to the Editor – Ending Tobacco Sales

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Re: Response to **[Article]** featured on **[Date]**

Dear Editor:

Regarding the recent article [Article Title] featured on [Date], we must recognize the tobacco industry continues to threaten decades of progress lowering tobacco use with their aggressive and manipulative marketing tactics. Some local jurisdictions have taken steps to mitigate the public health crisis of tobacco use through ending sales of tobacco products altogether and I applaud these efforts to finally eradicate the source of the tobacco epidemic – the tobacco industry.

Tobacco use remains the number one cause of preventable death in the U.S. and yet the tobacco industry continues to target us with new flavors and products, prioritizing profit over people. I have lost two family members due to tobacco-related diseases and nobody should have to go through what they did.

We have a public health crisis on our hands, and the only way to resolve this is to stop selling tobacco products in our communities. We must protect our youth and most vulnerable residents from the adverse health impacts caused by these deadly and highly addictive products.

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