



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Center for Tobacco Products
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Dear Mr. Beckwith:

Thank you for your correspondence, dated June 7, 2010, on behalf of the National Association of Convenience Stores. Your letter was received, by fax, in the Food and Drug Administration's Division of Dockets Management and discovered by the Center for Tobacco Products (CTP) while surveying a docket on an unrelated issue. If you would like your correspondence to be a docket submission, please notify us at ctpexecsec@fda.hhs.gov, and we will submit it for you through www.regulations.gov.

At this time we are unable to honor your request for a face-to-face meeting with CTP officials. We have surveyed our offices and understand that representatives of your organization have met with or have had telephone conversations with several CTP officials, most recently including our Office of Health Communication and Education.

Please continue to visit our website (<http://www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/default.htm>) for up-to-date information about regulations that have been promulgated by CTP activities and initiatives. If you have not done so, please consider signing up for an automatic notification that will let you know when there is any new information on the website.

If you have additional questions you may contact the CTP-Call Center at 1-877-CTP-1373 or e-mail us at AskCTP@fda.hhs.gov. If your questions are not adequately addressed you have the option of contacting our Ombudsman. Finally, we encourage you to participate in the upcoming retailer training sessions.

We appreciate your continued efforts to ensure compliance with the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kim Elliott".

Kimberly Elliott
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