February xx, 2012

Name of State Health Officer
Address
Address

Dear Dr. xxxxx

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has received adverse events reports with respect to electronic cigarettes. These adverse event reports may raise concerns about the safety of these products. Accordingly, FDA is reaching out to the state health officers in every state to ask if you have had any adverse event reports, or other complaints, submitted to your office regarding these products.

As background, the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act (Tobacco Control Act) provides the FDA with authority to regulate "tobacco products." Although the statute places certain "tobacco products" (i.e., cigarettes, cigarette tobacco, roll-your-own tobacco, and smokeless tobacco) immediately under FDA's regulatory authority, the law also permits FDA, by regulation, to extend those authorities to other categories of "tobacco products."

If you have received an adverse event report or other complaints with respect to electronic cigarettes, we would greatly appreciate it if you could share that information with FDA. Please send your response to the following address by April 30, 2012:

Center for Tobacco Products
Food and Drug Administration
Attn: Document Control Center – State Request on Electronic Cigarettes
9200 Corporate Boulevard
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please contact Idara Udoh, Regulatory Health Project Manager, by email at idara.udoh@fda.hhs.gov and at (301)796-3074 if you have questions.

Many thanks for helping FDA to address this public health matter.

Sincerely,

David Ashley, Ph.D.

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