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Re: CMA support for Health Canada's proposed nicotine limits in vaping products, response to the consultation on the *Concentration of Nicotine in Vaping Products Regulations*

Dear Mr. Cook:

I am writing on behalf of the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) in response to the regulatory proposal published in the Canada Gazette on December 19, 2020, *Concentration of Nicotine in Vaping Products Regulations*. The CMA strongly supports the proposed new regulations to establish a maximum nicotine concentration of 20 mg/mL for vaping products.

Since 1867, the Canadian Medical Association has been the national voice of Canada's medical profession. We work with physicians, residents and medical students on issues that matter to the profession and the health of Canadians. We advocate for policy and programs that drive meaningful change for physicians and their patients.

For decades, the CMA has supported rigorous, comprehensive tobacco control legislation including that pertaining to the use of electronic cigarettes. It is our position that all levels of government should continue to advance effective tobacco control strategies to reduce the prevalence of smoking in Canada.

With this submission, the CMA is reiterating its support for Health Canada's proposal to establish a maximum nicotine concentration of 20 mg/mL for vaping products manufactured or imported for sale in Canada and to prohibit the packaging and sale of vaping products if the nicotine concentration displayed on the package exceeds that value, as described in the Canada Gazette Part I notice of December 19, 2020, "Concentration of Nicotine in Vaping Products Regulations."

The CMA submitted a brief on January 20, 2020 (enclosed for your reference) expressing concerns, in greater detail, about the rising levels of nicotine available through the vaping process. In this brief, the CMA also recommended that Health Canada establish 20 mg/mL as the maximum nicotine concentration for vaping products.

Thank you for your continued work on smoking and vaping cessation in Canada. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Yours sincerely,



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Encl.: *Health Canada Consultation on Proposed Vaping Products Promotion Regulations*, Canadian Medical Association, January 2020.