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To: Consultation on the renewal of Federal Tobacco Control Strategy

We wholeheartedly support the Canadian Medical Association’s (CMA) call for a renewed strategy of Tobacco Control in Canada. The CMA has emphasized the importance of ensuring that tobacco control measures are evidence-based and that they are implemented in a way that maximizes their health benefits. The CMA has also called for a renewed focus on reducing the economic and social costs of tobacco use.

We, as medical professionals, recognize the importance of tobacco control in improving health outcomes and reducing healthcare costs. We support the CMA’s recommendations and agree that a renewed federal strategy is necessary to address the ongoing public health crisis posed by tobacco use.

We also support the CMA’s recommendation to ensure that tobacco control efforts are culturally sensitive and inclusive. We recognize the diverse needs of Canadians and the importance of tailoring tobacco control efforts to meet the needs of specific populations.

We urge the federal government to prioritize funding for tobacco control programs and initiatives. We believe that investing in tobacco control is a wise use of public funds and one that will provide significant returns on investment in terms of improved public health and reduced healthcare costs.

We also support the CMA’s call for a renewed focus on research and evaluation of tobacco control efforts. We believe that ongoing research is essential to understanding the effectiveness of tobacco control measures and to identifying areas for improvement.

We urge the federal government to work closely with the CMA and other stakeholders to develop and implement a renewed federal tobacco control strategy. We believe that a renewed strategy will help to improve the health of Canadians and reduce the economic and social costs of tobacco use.

Sincerely,

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Canadian Medical Association