

The Honourable Roger Simmons
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House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Roger:

I am writing in response to the Report of the Standing Committee on Health, "Toward Zero Consumption: Generic Packaging of Tobacco Products" which you presented to the House on June 21, 1994.

As you know through your work, Canada has displayed early leadership and initiative in reducing tobacco use. It is important, however, that we continue our efforts to reduce further the adverse consequences of tobacco addiction among smokers and non-smokers alike. The Report of the Standing Committee on Health which you chair serves to highlight the number and complexity of issues associated with tobacco control and heighten public awareness about this destructive public health problem. As such, it represents a significant contribution to the worldwide efforts in this area.

I would like to thank you and the rest of the Committee members for your thoughtful and diligent work on the Report.

Yours sincerely,



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