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Ms Jenny Leaman

Committee Secretary

Legislative Council

Parl. House Hobart

Dear Ms Leaman,

Re TGF

As a retailer who ceased selling cigarettes and tobacco some years ago I was reassured that my decision was correct when contacted today by Imperial Tobacco to lobby the Legislative Council over their deliberations on changes to tobacco sales laws.

I made a conscious decision to stop gaining a profit from sales of a product that I knew to be highly addictive and that was causing long term health issues with those who I knew personally as members of my community. I knew they would go elsewhere to purchase their cigarettes but I did not wish to be further implicated in their poor health choices.

As a result I fully endorse any moves that make it more difficult for young people to take up/ continue smoking, despite any affects such measures may have on businesses. To be honest i'd be happy to see a ban on all sales- think how much lower our hospital costs would be!

Yours sincerely,

Lois Ireland

Owner/ Manager

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