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Dear Mr. ^{Bill} Whalen:

Re: Resolution 6/09 - Ban on Flavored Tobacco Products

As you are probably aware, I recently announced a number of amendments to the Smoke-free Places Act aimed at protecting non smokers, especially children, from the health effects of exposure to second hand smoke.

Those Amendments include:

- a prohibition on smoking in cars with minors under the age of 19 present
- a prohibition on designated smoking rooms in eating establishments and licensed premises and other work places
- a prohibition on smoking on patios and decks of eating establishments and licensed premises outside of 10pm - 3 am.
- elimination of smoking on hospital grounds.

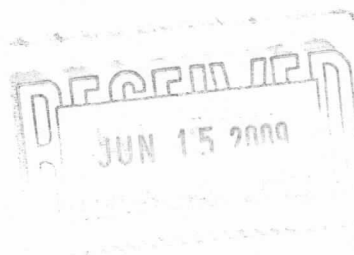
As Minister, a former school principal and a parent, I am quite aware of the prevalence of flavored tobacco products currently available. Department officials conduct regular checks of tobacco retailers for compliance with the Tobacco Sales and Access Act. This activity includes flavored tobacco products and retailers in violation receive warnings or fines as determined by Department policy.

In 2008, Health Canada held public consultation on amending the federal Tobacco Act which would place a number of restrictions on flavored tobacco products which would address the points in the resolution. It is expected that Minister Aglukkaq will table this amendment in Parliament in the near future. I will request that Department officials keep me briefed on this matter.

In closing, I wish to commend the Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation on the wonderful work you carry out in promoting healthy lifestyle for our children.

Sincerely,

Doug Currie
Minister



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