

Rajit Gupta
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Town of Ashland
101 Main St, 2nd Floor
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Date: February 3, 2026

RE: Supplemental Request Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 66, § 10 — Nicotine-Free Generation

Dear Mr. Gupta:

This supplemental request follows the public records request submitted to your office December 29, 2025. The production received in response to that request appears to be incomplete.

Documents obtained from other municipalities establish that extensive coordination regarding Ashland's consideration of Nicotine-Free Generation (NFG) policies occurred that was not reflected in the Town's production.

Specifically, documents obtained from the Town of Hopkinton via public records request include correspondence from September and December 2025 between regional tobacco control advocates that explicitly reference Ashland's NFG consideration, the scheduling of Ashland Board of Health hearings, and the Town's subsequent decision. These records demonstrate that responsive correspondence exists that was not produced.

SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST

Pursuant to the Massachusetts Public Records Law (M.G.L. c. 66, § 10), I request all records from January 1, 2023 to present, including but not limited to emails, text messages, letters, memos, contracts, invoices, grant applications, meeting minutes, agendas, attendance records, public notices, presentation materials, and draft documents that:

A. Correspondence Between Any Municipal Official or Employee and the Following Individuals/Organizations:

- Shaun McAuliffe (Hopkinton Health Director)
- Maureen Buzby (Regional Tobacco Prevention, City of Melrose)
- Pari Thillaigovindan (MetroWest Tobacco Control District / MTCP)
- Stephanie Patton (regional tobacco control)
- "Dr. Zachary" or any individual presenting on NFG topics
- Massachusetts Health Officers Association (MHOA)
- Massachusetts Association of Health Boards (MAHB)
- Cheryl Sbarra (MAHB)
- Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA)
- Public Health Advocacy Institute (PHAI)

- Mark Gottlieb (PHAI)
- Kate Silbaugh (Boston University School of Law)
- Tobacco Free Massachusetts
- Bloomberg Philanthropies or any associated entity
- Mystic Valley Public Health Coalition
- Any other tobacco control contractor, advocate, or regional coalition

B. Meeting Records for the Following Dates:

- November 18, 2025 Board of Health meeting (NFG hearing)
- December 2025 Select Board meeting(s) discussing NFG
- January 7, 2026 joint Select Board/Board of Health meeting
- Any subsequent meetings discussing NFG

Including: meeting agendas, minutes, attendance records, vote tallies, public notices, video/audio recordings, and all materials presented or distributed.

C. Presentation Materials and External Documents:

- Any presentation, slides, handouts, or materials provided by "Dr. Zachary" or any external party regarding NFG
- Model ordinances, template policy language, or sample regulations received from any source
- Technical assistance reports or policy guidance documents
- Talking points, fact sheets, or advocacy materials
- Legal memoranda or opinions regarding NFG policies

D. Contracts, Grants, and Funding Documents:

- All contracts, MOUs, or agreements with tobacco control contractors or coalitions
- Grant applications and awards related to tobacco control
- Invoices and payment records for tobacco control services
- Massachusetts DPH/MTCP funding documents

E. Search Terms:

"Nicotine-Free Generation," "Tobacco-Free Generation," "NFG," "generational ban," "birthdate ban," "model ordinance," "technical assistance," "grant funding," "Bloomberg," "MTCP," "Dr. Zachary," "McAuliffe," "Buzby," "Patton," "Hopkinton," "MAHB," "MHOA"

STATEMENT REGARDING PRIOR PRODUCTION DEFICIENCY

The prior production included no correspondence with any external tobacco control advocate or organization, despite the original request specifically seeking such records. Documents obtained from the Town of Hopkinton include the following references to Ashland:

- September 3, 2025: Shaun McAuliffe (Hopkinton Health Director) emailed Maureen Buzby offering to "find some kids" to testify at Ashland's hearing.
- September 3, 2025: Maureen Buzby emailed Pari Thillaigovindan seeking support for Ashland's hearing.
- December 3, 2025: Stephanie Patton sought "intel" on why Ashland "emphatically declined" NFG.

These records establish that correspondence between Ashland officials and regional tobacco control advocates existed. The Town is requested to conduct a supplemental search and produce all responsive records, including a review of personal email accounts, text messages, and other communication channels used by officials for Town business.

FORMAT OF PRODUCTION

Please provide responsive records in native electronic format with metadata intact. For emails, please provide in .msg, .eml, or .pst format; for documents, please provide in the native format in which they were created.

If you have questions regarding this request, or if the scope requires clarification, please contact me at the address below.

Sincerely,

Ryan DiCenzo

On behalf of New England Convenience Store & Energy Marketers Association (NECSEMA)
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CC: Edward D. Burman, Board of Health Chair

Laura Clifford, Administrative Assistant

Cindy Livingstone, Town Clerk