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Ted,

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From: **Kay Petersen** <kpetersen@doverma.gov>

Date: Sat, Jul 5, 2025 at 10:33 AM

Subject:

To: James, Ted A (HMFP - Breast Care Center) <tajames@bidmc.harvard.edu>

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Hi Ted,

I very much enjoyed meeting with you, Jason, and Gael at the picnic table at the Town House recently. I'm pleased that you're interested in working with the Board of Health. I've found that volunteering in local public health in Dover has been consistently interesting and that the staff is exceptionally capable.

You expressed an interest in the Nicotine Free Generation movement in Massachusetts and the draft regulation that our BOH plans to present at a hearing in September, so I've put together some links to background material for you. Later this summer, after you've had a chance to do some reading, it might make sense for the four of us to meet again.

[Mass.gov info](#) re: local, state, federal laws about tobacco. Also [this link](#).

[Dover's](#) tobacco/nicotine regulations

[MMWR report](#) about e-cigarette and nicotine pouch use, 2024

[Letter to FDA](#) from the AAP, ALA, ACS and others re: nicotine pouches

[Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids press release](#) about FDA decision about flavored nicotine pouches

[Commonwealth Beacon 10/2024 report](#) about MA NFG regulations

[Commonwealth Beacon](#) report about 8 municipalities with NFG regulations and the state-wide initiative, Feb, 2025

[Commonwealth Beacon](#) opinion piece from NFG opponents

[Action on Smoking and Health](#) Jan, 2025, report about introduction of the Massachusetts NFG bill

[Action on Smoking and Health](#), March, 2025, report about SJC ruling in favor of regulations

[NFG Policy Option Overview](#) Public Health Law Center, Mitchell Hamline School of Law, Jan, 2024

[Christian Science Monitor](#) Dec, 2024. Public health win or overreach?

And below are links to information about a few of the Massachusetts municipalities that have enacted generational

tobacco/nicotine bans and one that voted no on a proposed ban.

[Brookline](#) NFG from Boston Globe

[Needham](#) NFG YouTube presentation by Needham Health Director
Summary from the [Needham Observer](#)

[Bellingham](#) NFG from CSPdailynews (Convenience Store and Petroleum News) report about Bellingham voting down TFG regulation at Town Meeting June, 2025

[Somerville](#) NFG info

[Chelsea](#) NFG regulation

I hope this is helpful. If you have questions, one of us would be happy to address them.

Best regards,

Kay