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John,

I hope all is well. I haven't spoken with you since pandemic times. I'm glad to be writing about an altogether different topic.

In the Fall, the Dover Board of Health will deliberate about amending the Town's tobacco/nicotine regulations so that they align with the "nicotine-free generation (NFG)" concept. Increasing numbers of Massachusetts municipalities are adopting regulations that restrict the ability to purchase nicotine products to people born before a defined date. This results in a birthdate-based phase-out of nicotine product use in those municipalities. There is more information about NFG regulations in [these links](#).

I'm writing to ask if you think that there are students at the high school who have an interest in public health, nicotine use, or municipal government who might be interested in participating in a hearing at which the public will be invited to speak about the proposed NFG regulation. After the hearing, the Board will vote about the amendment.

We've had several public meetings at which the topic was on our agenda, and representatives of convenience stores, smoking/nicotine advocates, and members of the public health and medical communities have attended and spoken. However, only one high school student has done so. She was from Needham and gave her own personal statement and read a letter from a Dover high school student who was unable to attend who was in support of the amendment. Our Board would welcome hearing from any other interested Dover students. If you are aware of any individuals or groups who might be interested, I'd be happy to talk with them in detail about the topic.

I'm interested in hearing your thoughts. Please let me know if you'd like more information.

Best regards,

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