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Subject: RE: Commonwealth Heroine
To: Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@CityofMelrose.org>

Always a delight to get to surprise you with accolades!

Do you have a career bio you'd like me to pull any details from? And, if you could pass along a picture you'd like used during the program, I can include that. If you would prefer not to be pictured (totally okay!), they'll put an image of a yellow rose. Just let me know 😊

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From: Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@CityofMelrose.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 12:58 PM
To: Zeiberg, Sarah (SEN) <Sarah.Zeiberg@masenate.gov>
Subject: RE: Commonwealth Heroine

WOW!

You caught me flatfooted and left me speechless. I had to think a minute. Sometimes I read or see or hear something that gives me goosebumps. And sometimes I see something that covers me with goosebumps. This **covered** me with goosebumps!

I am humbled to accept this nomination.

I am proud to be a woman pushing back against such a male-dominated industry. (Basically all the opposition that shows up at public hearings is male – retailers, distributors, trade association execs, and those occasional city officials who speak out against NFG. Oh, and the BOH Chairs who stand in the way – all male.)

I am especially proud to be an older woman pushing back against a predatory industry that makes billions upon billions by pedaling a poison and specifically by developing, manufacturing, and marketing products

that appeal to young people in order to get them hooked when they are most vulnerable.

My hope is that by accepting this amazing nomination it may help further spread the word about tobacco use, and all the consequences, as well as the importance of doing battle even when the odds are against us.

Oops. Didn't mean to go on a rant but reading this email lit the fire. Not that the fire wasn't already lit.

Just tell me what you need me to do.

I'm off to Medford to re-check two stores that had illegal products. One had flavored hookah pipe tips. And one had mint flavored nicotine toothpicks. I'll send you photos.

Many thanks - for sharing this incredible news and for all you do. I feel like you are always there, always ready to help.

By the way, my Southshore colleague Kathleen Mahoney and I visited with Senator Keenan last week. I stopped by the office but Paul was the only one home at #511. I was going to say hello.

Best,

Maureen

From: Zeiberg, Sarah (SEN) <Sarah.Zeiberg@masenate.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 11:49 AM

To: Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@CityofMelrose.org>

Subject: Commonwealth Heroine

Good morning Maureen,

I hope you're staying warm today!

I have the extreme privilege of sharing some good news with you as well. Senator Lewis would like to nominate you for the Commonwealth Heroine award this year! Each year, he has the opportunity to nominate one phenomenal advocate from our district, and given your long standing and incredible work fighting big tobacco and preserving the health of countless individuals, you are an easy fit. If you'd like to accept, please let me know by the end of the week. There will be a recognition ceremony for you and all other awardees in June here at the State House.

I'll just need a few words about your professional accomplishments and a headshot I can include in the program book. All the details for the event are available here: [Nominate a Class of 2025 Commonwealth Heroine - Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women](#)

Congratulations!
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