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Good morning friends,

Kayla, thank you for such a kind introduction and for connecting us before your leave. I'm grateful that you thought of us with so much going on. I wish you all the best in your adventures ahead.

Maureen and Liz, it's a pleasure to meet you virtually as well! The scope of your work is inspiring, and I would love to get involved in whatever capacity would be most useful to your cause. Please include me on the distribution list, and I would also love to find a time next week to connect over a brief call and learn more about the MA tobacco policy work. Have there been any recent public health campaigns that you were a part of, or recent policy changes that I can read up on in the meanwhile?

Looking forward to connecting!

Warm regards,
Hassan

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Thank you, Kayla!

Good afternoon Farhan and Hassan,

Great to meet you at least electronically for now. Would love to chat further to share a bit about our Massachusetts tobacco policy work and to solicit your thoughts and hopefully your support.

As Kayla said, I have been working on spreading the word and encouraging municipalities to adopt this groundbreaking policy. A heavy lift when up against Big Tobacco. I have attended and participated in many public hearings around the state. I have learned that the most effective advocacy (those who are listened to most closely) are local youth, residents, and medical professionals, in that order. I can speak all I want but Board members and other municipal leaders listen most closely

to their own constituents and to respected medical professionals. No one speaks to the issue of harm caused by these insidious products better than physicians who actually treat patients affected by nicotine addiction.

If you would like, we can start by adding you to our NFG email distribution list. We share updates via email and try to meet via Zoom once every couple of weeks or so to catch up and to strategize. Some email recipients just read the emails. Some attend the zoom meetings. And some participate in public hearings to lend their support. Or even testify at the State House as four Children's Hospital pediatricians did this past July.

I would be very happy to chat via phone or Zoom if that works. Let me know. And I can send along a couple of short documents that will help flesh out this policy for you.

Thank you for your interest. Hope to continue this conversation soon.

Best regards,
Maureen

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Hi Maureen and Liz,

I wanted to send you a quick email before I head out on maternity leave to introduce you to our two new fellows in Addiction Medicine, Hassan and Farhan! Both of our fellows are interested in policy/advocacy work.

Farhan/Hassan - Maureen and Liz wear various hats in relation to substance use and advocacy work. Maureen has been on the leading edge of advocating for and getting the Nicotine Free Generation bills passed throughout the Commonwealth and is a Regional Tobacco Coordinator. Liz works for a local community coalition focused on substance use prevention and is also the founder of MAPC (the Massachusetts Alcohol Policy Coalition) and does a ton of amazing things under both of those roles.

Liz/Maureen - Farhan and Hassan are both truly amazing doctors who have jumped right into Addiction Medicine feet first! Farhan is trained in Internal Medicine and comes from the West Coast (as an Oregonian, west coast, best coast!) and Hassan is trained in Family Medicine and hails from upstate NY! We are very lucky to have both join our team this year.

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Looking forward to hearing about any potential collaborations when I return in the new year!

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