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Subject: RE: Statement for BOH
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Cc: Amy Luckiewicz aluckiewicz@northreadingma.gov; Laura Miranda
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Amazingly well-done!

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From: Jennifer Ford <jen.bostonicestorm@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 5:56 PM
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Subject: Re: Statement for BOH

You're a rockstar Marci. Thank you for all that you do.
Sent from my iPhone

> On Jun 17, 2025, at 5:33 PM, Marci Bailey <baileynrma@comcast.net> wrote:
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> Hi all –
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> Sorry this is so late to your e-mails, but my day was much busier than I
anticipated. If I have the opportunity at the BOH meeting tonight, I'd like to give
a pitch something like this. Comments are welcome.
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> Marci
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> The Prevention Coalition requests that the Board of Health address NFG through a
BOH regulation in line with the Board's mission to protect the public health and
well being of North Reading citizens. Per the mission as published on the BOH's web
page, this includes tobacco control programs, which fall under the BOH's purview.
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> We understand that the BOH would like more public input and propose that a joint
public hearing by the Coalition and BOH take place in late September or early
October, after which the BOH would opine on whether it wishes to consider NFG as a
regulation or still wishes to place NFG on the Town Meeting warrant for vote as a
general bylaw by the citizenry rather than by the BOH. We understand that the BOH
would like more citizen input, and the Coalition will seek to facilitate that.
Input is best put forth during a well publicized public hearing rather than a brief
presentation, debate, and immediate vote at Town Meeting.
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> To date, more than 500,000 MA residents reside in 17 cities and towns with NFG in
place. In the immediate area, this includes Reading, Wakefield, and Stoneham. In
all cases except for representative Town Meeting in Brookline and city ordinance in
Newton, NFG has been instituted through a BOH regulation, not Town Meeting.
Statewide legislation is proposed and appears to be in process in Indiana, Hawaii,
and Massachusetts, though it is several years off in our Commonwealth. There is
also a nationwide NFG policy under consideration in the United Kingdom and already
in place in the Maldives.
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> I'm not here tonight to pitch the "why's" of NFG. The highly addictive nature of
nicotine on the developing brain can be vetted at a public hearing as can the
objectives of Big Tobacco and impact of NFG on all potentially impacted parties.

I'm here to urge the BOH, as it has done before on products such as flavored tobacco, to be a leader in protecting the health of young people in North Reading. The Coalition would welcome working through the summer to schedule and plan a public hearing, giving residents the opportunity to ask questions outside a political process like Town Meeting and allowing the NR BOH to continue its leadership in protecting the health of NR residents.

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