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Don't get discouraged by Brennan. He will continue to be a thorn in our side until the legislature passes NFG.

1. Has anyone ever heard him respond to anything about health? Has he ever been asked?
2. Has anyone ever heard an opponent who sights minority nicotine dealers referring to the negative impact of nicotine on their communities?

There are more of us testifying than of them, and our ranks are growing.

On Tue, Feb 11, 2025 at 4:02 PM Silbaugh, Katharine <silbaugh@bu.edu> wrote:

She was supposed to call me at 2:30 today and didn't.

It's very clever of Peter Brennan to say that it's stalled. Very clever. That simply will get into the story, full stop.

If anyone else speaks to the reporter, please talk about how this movement had tremendous momentum right now.

It's true. I have personally been in meetings with three towns in the past week that are not yet to hearing stage. Plus Somerville. Just false.

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On Feb 11, 2025, at 3:33 PM, Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org> wrote:

That's the reporter I just spoke with. She wanted me to verify which municipality was in what stage of NFG and or nic pouch regulation and I told her I thought it best for her to get that info from the source, that I was uncomfortable speaking for another community. 😊

From: Bonny Carroll <bcarroll@somervillema.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2025 3:15 PM

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Hi Maureen

This afternoon I was asked by the Somerville health director to craft a response email to someone else at Commonwealth Beacon (Mr.Brokheteria) who sent an email to her asking if Somerville passed a regulation that lowered the amount allowed in oral pouches to 6 mg. (it did not) and if it was considering adopting NFG this month. (A public hearing will be held in March not February.)

Bonny

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From: Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org>

Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2025 3:05:37 PM

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Hi all,

Just got off the phone with a reporter for the Commonwealth Beacon. She interviewed Jason Lewis a few days ago. He gave her my cell number – and gave me a heads up.

She asked me some basic questions – how did we come to pursue this policy, etc.

She also asked questions about our regional approach – was anyone else looking at a regional approach.

Did I think there was momentum for this.

Did I think the state would pass a state-wide law.

Did I think we could reach critical mass.

What other towns are looking at NFG.

What towns are looking to do any kind of nicotine pouch policy.

Then she got into pushback. What kind of pushback have we faced.

And next she wanted to fact check. She said she talked with Peter Brannan.

She said she learned that Worcester rejected the policy. And asked me what other towns had rejected NFG

She asked about Milton and Acton. (I know nothing about Milton and Acton.)

She asked if it was true that NFG momentum had stalled. Peter Brennan told her that.

She asked if any other organizations were helping push NFG. And did I work with any other Tobacco Control advocates.

She said her deadline was in a few minutes.

Not sure what I think. We'll see.

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