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Sent: Sep 25, 2025 19:16:46.000000000 UTC

Subject: Re: NFG Feedback Sessions North Reading -- Invitation

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

Thanks Maureen. Unfortunately I will already either be out of town for work or have unmovable obligations on those dates/times. I appreciate you letting me know. If I'm available generally speaking I should be able to attend important things like this!

Sincerely,
Ross Merkin
Cell (617) 894-7651

From: Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@CityofMelrose.org>
Date: Thursday, September 25, 2025 at 3:13 PM
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I should have sent this to you sooner....
This is an email sent to some, maybe all of you. Marci has all your names.
The dates and times are in the email below.
Please feel free to share with others.

Again, NOT a public hearing. Community listening sessions.
Thanks,
Maureen

Subject: FW: NFG Feedback Sessions North Reading -- Invitation

From: North Reading CIT <northreadingcit@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 7, 2025 7:29 PM
Subject: Re: NFG Feedback Sessions North Reading -- Invitation

I am writing to ask you to support the North Reading Youth Substance Use Prevention Coalition in its advocacy for Nicotine-Free Generation (NFG) regulations in North Reading. We have been taking helpful counsel from Maureen Buzby in our efforts, and she suggested that we reach out to you.

The Coalition will host three NFG information/comment sessions this fall to take community input on whether citizens support NFG. Members of the North Reading Board of Health will be present at the information sessions to listen to feedback. It is the Prevention Coalition's hope that such feedback will convince BOH members that NFG is a good move for public health in North Reading and one that experts and citizens support.

Given your experience and expertise on this topic, we know you understand the impact of nicotine on youth brain development and long-term health, and that tobacco companies constantly seek new ways to hook the next generation on profitable nicotine products. Our hope is that in joining other communities that have adopted NFG regulations, North Reading can be part of the solution that allows future generations to live free of harmful nicotine addiction.

We understand there are many demands on your time, but we request that you attend one of the following sessions in North Reading to speak to nicotine's harmful impact on youth and young adults:

Tuesday, Sept. 30, 7 p.m., NRHS Distance Learning Lab, 189 Park Street

Thursday, Oct. 23, 7 p.m., NRHS Distance Learning Lab, 189 Park Street

Thursday, Nov. 20, 10 a.m., North Reading Town Hall, Room 14, 235 North Street

While in-person testimony is best, we also expect to have a virtual option for those who cannot make it to North Reading. If you prefer that option, please respond to this e-mail with your preferred date and we'll be sure to send you a meeting link. Finally, while direct testimony is best, if you are unable to attend any of the sessions, we welcome your written statement e-mailed to northreadingcit@gmail.com.

Please let me know if you are able to attend. We also welcome you sharing this request with colleagues who might be interested in NFG to protect the health of future generations from harmful nicotine addiction.

Thank you for your consideration,

Marci Bailey

Member, North Reading Youth Substance Use Prevention Coalition

northreadingcit@gmail.com

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