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To: [Maureen Buzby](#)
Cc: [Karin Carroll](#)
Subject: Re: Letter of support for Somerville Public Hearing March 20, 2025
Date: Thursday, March 20, 2025 1:07:03 PM

Hi Karin -

I'm sorry I can't make the public hearing this evening, but I wanted to send you a note of support for the Nicotine-Free Generation (NFG). I work in Somerville and live in Wakefield. Wakefield has passed NFG and it has been a welcome policy. As a mother of young adults, I very much believe that nicotine products are a serious public health issue. Too many young people become addicted at an early age and struggle to free themselves of the addiction. The result is costly and deadly. As a business owner, I understand the concerns of small businesses, but this policy allows for the gradual elimination of nicotine products, providing businesses time to adjust their business model. I hope that Somerville will follow in the footsteps of Wakefield and other Massachusetts communities which have been leaders on passing NFG language. I know it will make Somerville a more welcoming place for residents and businesses.

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On Sat, Mar 15, 2025 at 10:06 PM Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org> wrote:

Hi Julie,

If you write a letter of support please send it to Karin Carroll at kcarroll@somervillema.gov or to:

Karin Carroll, MPH

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Thank you so much!

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