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Dear *Jane,*

I am writing to you as Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Smoking and Health, with a copy of our latest report "*Burning Injustice: Reducing tobacco-driven harm and inequality*". I have sent copies of the report to the Prime Minister (letter enclosed for your information), to the Public Health Minister and to the Secretary of State for Health.

The report follows an Inquiry reviewing current action on tobacco control by central Government, local authorities and the NHS in a period of tight public spending restraints. There are grounds for serious concern in all three cases. The APPG is therefore reiterating its call for tobacco manufacturers to pay for tobacco control measures at national and local level, in line with the principle established by the soft drinks levy. The four major tobacco manufacturers remain among the most profitable companies in the world, so they could certainly afford to do this.

We hope to see many of the recommendations contained in this report included in the next tobacco control plan for England, which, as you know, will be crucial to ensuring that central Government, the NHS and local authorities work together effectively to continue to tackle the smoking epidemic.

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Bob Blackman MP  
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