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Alonzo L. Plough, Ph.D., MPH, Director

May 27, 1999

Norman E. Kjono  
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Redmond, Washington 98052

Dear Mr. Kjono:

Thank you for your letter dated May 10, 1999, concerning funding of Public Health - Seattle & King County's Tobacco Prevention Program. I believe that you are misinformed about these funding sources, none of which include pharmaceutical companies.

Public Health's funding for the Tobacco Prevention Program come primarily from two sources:

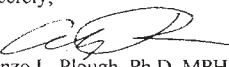
- Project ASSIST is funded through October of 1999 by the National Cancer Institute; and
- Public Health's Youth Tobacco Prevention Program is funded from licensee fees received from tobacco retailers in Washington State. Funds are dispersed from the Washington State Department of Health

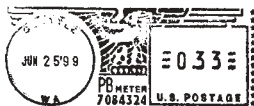
At present, we do not have programs (or plans for programs) which offer nicotine replacement products to teen smokers. You should be aware, however, that research studies are beginning to show that nicotine replacement therapy is indeed indicated for teenagers who are addicted to cigarettes, even though the products are not specifically approved for use in this age group. Public Health will continue to employ the best practices available to combat this addiction. (Box Added.)

I am proud of the success our Tobacco Prevention Program has achieved. Our staff will continue to coordinate and conduct one of the largest compliance check programs in the country, while expanding prevention and educational programs throughout our County and in our schools.

Again, thank you for your letter.

Sincerely,

  
Alonzo L. Plough, Ph.D, MPH  
Director



(This letter from Mr. Plough was postmarked June 25, 1999, one month after the letter date.)

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Representative Grants  
State of Washington and King County

ACTIVE GRANTS

Project: Reclaiming Futures: Communities Helping Teens Overcome Drugs, Alcohol & Crime  
Grantee: Superior Court of the State of Washington for the County of King  
Amount: \$100,000,  
Dates: Awarded on Mar 31, 2004, starting Apr 1, 2004 ending Mar 31, 2006 ID# 050826

GRANT DETAIL & CONTACT INFORMATION

Project: A Strategy for Child Health in Seattle-King County: Removing Categorical Barriers to Care  
Grantee: Seattle-King County Department of Public Health (Seattle, WA)  
Amount: \$ 498,026  
Dates: September 1991 to August 1995  
ID#: 018715

GRANT DETAIL & CONTACT INFORMATION

Project: Expansion of a Senior Wellness Program  
Grantee: Senior Services of Seattle-King County (Seattle, WA)  
Amount: \$ 749,380  
Dates: July 2001 to December 2003  
ID#: 041129

GRANT DETAIL & CONTACT INFORMATION

Project: King County Blended Funding Project: Mental Health Services for Youth Project  
Grantee: Puget Sound Educational Service District No. 121 (Burien, WA)  
Amount: \$ 75,000  
Dates: May 1996 to September 1997  
ID#: 028673

NOTE: The total for above RWJF Washington grants is \$4,909,162

ACTIVE GRANTS

Project: Reclaiming Futures: Communities Helping Teens Overcome Drugs, Alcohol & Crime  
Grantee: Superior Court of the State of Washington for the County of King  
Amount: \$1,000,000,  
Dates: Awarded on Mar 26, 2003, starting Apr 1, 2003 ending Mar 31, 2007 ID# 047637

GRANT DETAIL & CONTACT INFORMATION

Project: Impact of Co-payments on Use of Smoking Cessation Services in an HMO  
Grantee: Group Health Cooperative of Puget Sound (Seattle, WA)  
Amount: \$ 169,737  
Dates: September 1993 to March 1996  
ID#: 022927

GRANT DETAIL & CONTACT INFORMATION

National Program: Improving Child Health Services: Removing Categorical Barriers to Care  
Grantee: State of Washington, Department of Health (Olympia, WA)  
Amount: \$ 1,303,503  
Dates: May 1990 to October 1997  
ID#: 018804, 019690, 021203, PC219, 023455, 024762

GRANT DETAIL & CONTACT INFORMATION

Project: Seattle Indian Health Board  
Grantee: Seattle Indian Health Board (Seattle, WA)  
Amount: \$ 149,838  
Dates: December 1993 to March 1996  
ID#: 023259  
Amount: \$ 863,678  
Dates: April 1996 to June 2001  
ID#: 028262

The *Tacoma News Tribune* April 6, 2004 "Big Bucks Behind Tobacco War." Kenneth P. Vogel:

"Former U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop is no longer on the air pitching a statewide indoor smoking ban, but questions linger about the \$100,000 advertising campaign. The questions are part of a wider debate about who's behind the increasingly tense tobacco war in Pierce County and statewide. Businesses that oppose smoking bans like the one in Pierce County allege that a state group funded mostly by an \$8 billion New Jersey foundation is violating state law by failing to report how much it received and spent on its effort to restrict smoking in Washington state. Anti-smoking advocates fire back that business interests fighting the ban are secretly doing the tobacco industry's bidding. . . . On the other side, Washington BREATHE, a coalition of health groups that started airing the Koop ads in January, received \$988,000 from the New Jersey-based Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in 2002." (Underline added.)