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May 27, 1999

Norman E. Kjono
16149 Redmond Way No., B-221
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.)

Document Acquired Through February 2003 Call
To Washington Quit Line

Is it time to quit? There are products that may help!

You've decided to quit tobacco. What a great time to do it. People everywhere have made the same choice. That means you can get lots of help. There are also more products than ever before that can help you quit.

Talk to your doctor or a Quit Line specialist if you'd like to try one of the products listed below.

Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT)

The nicotine in tobacco makes it hard to quit. NRT helps your body get used to less nicotine after you quit. It can help you feel more relaxed. It lowers your urge to smoke or chew. There are many kinds of NRT that can help:

Nicotine patches:

- You wear the nicotine patch on your skin like a bandage. It lets your body take in nicotine through the skin.
- Patches come in different strengths. You can get some of these at the drugstore over-the-counter.

Nicotine gum:

- You "chew" the gum slightly and "park" it between your gum and teeth at set times during the day. Your body takes in the nicotine through the lining of your mouth.
- You don't need a prescription to buy nicotine gum.

Nicotine nasal spray:

- This comes in a pump bottle. You spray it into your nose when you feel like using tobacco. The nicotine in the spray goes into your body through the lining of your nose and sinuses.
- You need a doctor's prescription to get it.

Nicotine inhalers:

- An inhaler looks kind of like a cigarette. When you "puff" on it, it sprays nicotine into your mouth and throat.
- You need a doctor's prescription to get it.

You should not use NRT if:

Don't use NRT if you still use tobacco. You can have a nicotine overdose if you smoke or chew tobacco while you use NRT.

NRT is not good for people with some kinds of health problems.

Talk to your doctor before you use any NRT product if:

- You have had a heart attack within the last two months.
- You are pregnant, breastfeeding, or trying to become pregnant.

Zyban®

Zyban® is a drug that helps people cope with urges to smoke or chew.

- It does not have nicotine in it. But it can help you cope with withdrawal symptoms—the changes your body goes through when you stop using tobacco.
- You need a prescription from your doctor to get Zyban®.

You should not take Zyban® if:

- You have a seizure disorder, such as epilepsy.
- You take other medicine that contains the main ingredient in Zyban®—bupropion hydrochloride, which is also called Wellbutrin.
- You're allergic to it.
- You have an eating disorder, or have had one in the past.
- You take a medicine called a monoamine oxidase inhibitor (MAOI) or have recently taken one.

Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take, or have taken lately.

You can get more information

- Call the Quit Line at the number listed below if you have questions about these products.

Tobacco Prevention and Control Program
Washington State Department of Health

Toll free: 877-270-STOP
Toll free Spanish line: 877-2 NO FUME
Toll free TTY: 877-777-6534

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