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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your correspondence of 13 October to the Home Office about the smokefree generation policy. As it is health-related your letter has been forwarded to the Department of Health and Social Care and I have been asked to reply.

I appreciate your concerns.

The Department is the custodian of the UK Government's implementation of the World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC).

The UK Government is a signatory and party of the WHO FCTC and, therefore, it has an obligation to protect the development of public health policy from the commercial and other vested interests of the tobacco industry or those who work with them in line with Article 5.3 of the treaty.

As part of its Article 5.3 obligations, the Government will not be responding to your points raised on public policy and will be publishing these letters of correspondence and this response.

I hope this is helpful in clarifying the Government's position.

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