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By email to: [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your correspondence of 16 April to the Prime Minister, and to Jeremy Hunt and Mel Stride, about the Tobacco and Vapes Bill. Your letters have been passed to the Department of Health and Social Care.

As you will be aware, the UK Government is required, under Article 5.3 of the World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, to protect public policy from the commercial and other vested interests of tobacco companies.

Therefore, we will not be responding to the issues you have raised in your correspondence and will be publishing both this and your correspondence.

Best wishes,

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**THE RT HON DAME ANDREA LEADSOM DBE MP**