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TO: Tobacco Products Scientific Advisory Committee (TPSAC)

SUBJECT: January 18-20, 2012 Meeting of the Tobacco Products Scientific Advisory Committee (TPSAC), regarding dissolvable tobacco products

Thank you for your participation in the upcoming Tobacco Products Scientific Advisory Committee (TPSAC) Meeting, January 18-20, 2011, regarding dissolvable tobacco products. The information presented at the meeting will aid the Committee in producing the required report and recommendations to the Secretary of Health and Human Services regarding the issue of the nature and impact of the use of dissolvable tobacco products on the public health, including such use among children. In its review and consideration of recommendations, TPSAC shall address (1) the risks and benefits to the population as a whole including users and nonusers of tobacco products; (2) the increased or decreased likelihood that existing users of tobacco products will stop using such products; and (3) the increased or decreased likelihood that those who do not use tobacco products will start using such products. At this meeting, the Committee will hear and discuss presentations from the FDA, RTI, and various experts on dissolvable tobacco products.

Presentations will be given on the following topics:

- Use of Swedish oral tobacco and related health effects
- Health effects of long term use of therapeutic nicotine replacement therapy
- Chemistry and constituents of dissolvable tobacco products
- Analysis of constituents and heavy metals found in dissolvable tobacco products
- Topography of use of dissolvable tobacco products
- Accidental poisoning from tobacco and dissolvable tobacco products
- Effects of product packaging
- Summary of the peer-reviewed literature on dissolvable tobacco products
- Marketing research and marketing practices of dissolvable tobacco products
- Behavioral effects of dissolvable tobacco products
- Toxicological and physiological effects of dissolvable tobacco products
- Youth perception of dissolvable tobacco products

Draft discussion topics are included with this background package.

We look forward to your expert comments on the issue of the impact of the use of dissolvable tobacco products on the public health, including such use among children.