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Via email: toyem@dor.state.ma.us 19 May 2020

Dear AGC Toye,

 I hope my memo finds you and your family safe and healthy in these unprecedented times. Pursuant to your Notice of Public Meeting of the Massachusetts Illegal Tobacco Task Force scheduled for 3rd June 2020 at 10:00am via WebEx on line meeting system, I am requesting the opportunity to provide testimony. If you recall I was to appear in person for the now cancelled meeting that was scheduled to occur in March of this year.

With full disclosure, I have been asked by Altria Client Services to request an opportunity to speak to the task force in my role as an expert consultant in the field of tobacco enforcement. My previous in person testimony before the Task Force centered on the logistic challenges Massachusetts was facing. At this point in time, I would like to speak to the law enforcement perspective concerning the flavored tobacco ban and the direct across the board effect it will have on law enforcement in the Commonwealth. This will amount to additional unfunded enforcement mandates that will stretch an already overburdened policing system.

 As such it is my intent to follow up shortly with written testimony as well as appropriate supporting documents that may assist the task force in its work. I look forward to your response.

Very truly yours,

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