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Dear Dr. Jaczek:

I am pleased to confirm that funding for January to March 2006 for the Smoke-Free Ontario initiative has been approved. We are providing you with \$480,117.00 for the period January 1, 2006 to March 31, 2006 at 100% funding, as follows:

- \$75,000.00 for the "Local Capacity Building: Prevention and Protection Program"
- \$178,964.00 for the "Innovative Smoking Intervention Program"
- \$72,230.00 for the "Youth Action Alliances Program"

I would like to inform you that we are moving towards funding all Tobacco Control activities through the budget of Smoke-Free Ontario, rather than through Mandatory Program funding. A funding model for Tobacco Inspection and Enforcement is currently being developed and will be shared with you shortly. In the meantime, we are providing \$153,923.00 for these activities for the first quarter based on our estimate of funding that has been provided to you through Mandatory Programs during 2005. This amount will be adjusted once a funding model is available for 2006.

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In the near future, we will provide details regarding your Smoke-Free Ontario funding for April to December 2006. This will include additional information about the funding model for Tobacco Inspection and Enforcement. At that time, we will ask that you complete a funding Agreement for 2006 which will include your January to March 2006 allocation. If you have any questions in the interim, please contact the Smoke-Free Ontario office at (416) 327-7494.

Thank you for your ongoing contribution towards our goal of achieving a Smoke-Free Ontario.

Yours truly,



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Enclosures

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