



June 4, 2008

Baltimore City Health Department
210 Guilford Avenue
Baltimore MD 21209
Attn: Rianna Brown

Dear Rianna:

Any steps that are taken, within the authority of the Mayor and City Council, to make it more difficult for Baltimoreans to become addicted to debilitating substances such as tobacco should have the blessing of all who seek to preserve and enhance the interests of this community.

Tobacco in all its many forms is a threat to the health of our community. Preventing individual cigar purchases makes great sense. Lowering the financial threshold of tobacco sales in any way, such as individually packaged cigars, deprives individuals and families of their wellbeing, their natural life-spans and income, and enriches those who prey on minorities and underserved populations with fantastic imagery that belies the actual consequence of dependence.

Sincerely,

Jay Wolvovsky
CEO/President