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Mr. Julio T. Gonzalez, President  
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Dear Julio:

Thank you so very much for taking the time to write to the Food and Drug Administration regarding Commissioner David Kessler's efforts to assert regulatory control over the tobacco industry.

You might be interested to know that to date we have received several hundred copies of letters that were also sent to the FDA in opposition to Commissioner Kessler's efforts. While Commissioner Kessler has not yet described what he plans to do with respect to this issue, we are confident that letters such as yours, along with the others he is receiving, will help persuade him to discontinue his zealous campaign against our industry.

We will keep you apprised as developments occur. But in the meantime, I wanted you to know how much we appreciate knowing that you were willing to take action.

Best Regards,



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