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President Bill Clinton
The White House
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Dear President Clinton:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the FDA's attempt to usurp jurisdiction, through bureaucratic regulations, over tobacco products from the legislative branch of government.

FDA Commissioner Kessler's assertion that the Agency's involvement would be limited to measures designed to prevent access to minors to tobacco products ignores actions that have been taken by the Congress, state and local governments.

New Mexico enacted in 1993 the "Tobacco Products Act" that prohibits sales to minors, places restrictions on vending machine sales, places restrictions on samples and provides for monitored compliance.

Clearly, the issue of underage smoking is an important one and must be forcefully addressed by elected public officials. Delegating legislative policy making functions to an appointed bureaucracy is irresponsible.

I urge you to uphold the traditional prerogatives of Congress and state governments and oppose the FDA's action to assert jurisdiction over tobacco products.

Very truly yours,

INDIAN PUEBLO CULTURAL CENTER, INC.

Rafael Gutierrez
President

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