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Dear John

Consultation on the draft Smoking, Health and Social Care (Scotland) Act 2005 (Variation of Age Limit for Sale of Tobacco, Purchase and Consequential Modifications) Order 2007.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above consultation.

The Institute fully supports the proposed amendment to current legislation to allow the age limit for the purchase of tobacco to be raised from sixteen to eighteen.

In addition, the Institute supports the need for active test purchasing and education of tobacco retailers and the implementation of the proposed licensing scheme. The Institute also agrees that display of tobacco materials should be prohibited at the point of sale and replaced by a simple price list of products available.

These matters need to be considered in conjunction with other enforcement and smoking cessation measures already implemented.

I look forward to the outcome of the consultation in due course.

Yours sincerely

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