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Dear Law Amendments Committee,

The Kingston Greenwood Community Health Board would like to express its full support of Bill 90. We strongly support the measures taken by this bill to expand legislation aimed at lessening the level of smoking in our province, in particular the banning of flavored tobacco products including menthol.

Community Health Boards are committed to working to improve the health of our communities and this bill will help prevent addiction, prevent disease and ultimately save lives. We feel the ban on menthol is of critical importance. We know that 48% of youth who smoke use flavored tobacco and 34% smoke menthol. We also know that youth who smoke menthol are more likely to continue smoking.

These actions on the part of your government will make it the most progressive smoking legislation in Canada and places our province at the forefront of prudent tobacco legislation. We feel our communities have given our government a clear mandate and we support the government to move forward in passing this important legislation and we look forward to the implementation of this legislation on May 31, 2015.

In closing, we want to offer our strong support for the introduction and implementation of this historic piece of legislation and offer our thanks and commendation to your government for your prudence, insight and action.

Sincerely,

Daisy J. Dwyer, Chair
Kingston/Greenwood CHB

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