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Greetings!

We are reaching out to you as members of the National LGBT Tobacco Control Network, tobacco control advocates, and health professionals to let you know that we are available to support your efforts to submit an application for the Wellness Stimulus RFAs. Along with low socio-economic status, Hispanics/Latino, American Indians and Alaskan Natives, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders, and African Americans, LGBT individuals are disproportionately affected by tobacco, with smoke rates from 35 to almost 200% higher than the general population. This is a particular hardship on LGBT youth where the stressors of coming out occur just when the youth is at greatest risk for smoking uptake.

We know proposals will be in part scored on your disparity planning. We ask that you include a rationale to address ethnic, racial, economic, and sexual/gender identity considerations into your identified target audience(s) for the development of marketing approaches, interventions, and policy strategies. We are quite aware that resources are scarce as many cities and states have experienced dramatic cuts to their budgets to support their quit lines and tobacco control efforts. We can provide educational materials, a list of consultants, evidence-based prevention interventions within MAPPS, and access to some of the leading advocates and researchers for tobacco control in the US in relation to addressing the needs of populations that experience health disparities.

Please visit our sample policy statements on [State LGBT Tobacco Disparities Best Practices](#) and [LGBT Surveillance and Data Collection Briefing Paper](#) that might be of use to your application process. Do not hesitate to [email](#) or call us at 617-927-6452 to talk about how to best include LGBTs in your proposal. We remain committed to working together to eliminate all tobacco-related disparities.

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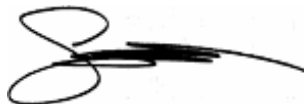


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