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The Right Honourable Mark Carney, PC, MP  
Prime Minister of Canada  
The Honourable Marjorie Michel, PC, MP  
Minister of Health  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Prime Minister Carney and Minister Michel:

We write to you as a coalition of national health organizations and experts that are deeply concerned about the ongoing youth vaping crisis in Canada. In particular, we are worried about the lack of action on vape flavours from the federal government since the first draft of vape flavour regulations was published for consultation in June 2021. The consultations have long been complete. Since June 2021, a vast number of youth have been exposed to, and enticed by, flavoured vaping products.

The solution is simple: finalize and publish regulations that restrict e-cigarette flavours in Canada Gazette Part II. The regulations are ready now for this final step.

Six provinces/territories have shown leadership in this area by implementing comprehensive restrictions on vape flavours. However, the lack of federal regulations is undermining provincial/territorial restrictions through online and interprovincial sales, thus creating a patchwork of regulations across the country that protect only some youth based on where they live.

The latest research is clear: vaping is not safe for youth. Flavours draw youth to e-cigarettes, and nicotine keeps them hooked. A new generation is becoming addicted to nicotine through e-cigarettes. Vaping is exposing youth to a host of health harms such as weakened immune system, respiratory illness, damaged blood vessels, an increased risk of cardiovascular diseases and oral health issues such as periodontal diseases and tooth decay, among other health effects. Canada continues to have extremely high youth vaping rates. Among Canadian high school students in grade 12, 27% are vaping (Canadian Student Alcohol and Drugs Survey, 2023-24). Immediate action is needed on a pressing basis.

The evidence is overwhelming, the harms are preventable, and the need is urgent. We urge you to finalize vape flavour regulations in Canada Gazette Part II to protect all youth in Canada from the dangers of vaping products and nicotine addiction.

Sincerely,

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