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## COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH

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Dear Owner/Manager:

In July of this year, your establishment was selected to participate in the State of Michigan's annual SYNAR compliance checks. This is part of a national effort aimed at decreasing youth access to tobacco and is funded locally by the Macomb County Community Mental Health Office of Substance Abuse. This project involves a visit to randomly selected stores/businesses around the county that sell tobacco products. The underage youth enters the store and attempts to make a cigarette pack purchase (either by over-the-counter or a vending machine) and records the results. These results are collected nationally and will be reported to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

We are pleased to inform you that your store passed its SYNAR compliance check. The staff person on duty properly asked for identification and refused to sell to the minor attempting to buy a tobacco product. Thank you for working with your staff to make sure they are aware of the Youth Tobacco Act and are trained to check the identification of anyone attempting to purchase tobacco products.

Tobacco is the number one cause of preventable death in our society. Each year thousands of teens become addicted to tobacco. The short-term goal of this project is to determine how many retailers are illegally selling tobacco to minors. Our long-term goal is to create awareness of the youth tobacco problem and reduce the sales of tobacco to minors, therefore preventing some of our children from beginning a lifetime addiction to tobacco.

Thank you for your help in keeping our youth and communities healthy!

Sincerely,

Randy O'Brien  
Director  
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