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Dear Minister,

### **Tobacco and Vapes Bill LCM**

As you will be aware, the Committee recently held an evidence session with relevant stakeholders regarding the Tobacco and Vapes Bill Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM). As the next stage in its scrutiny of the LCM, the Committee was due to take evidence from you at its meeting on 11 June.

Subsequent to this session being scheduled, the UK Parliament was dissolved on 30 May in advance of a UK General Election to be held on 4 July. This means that the Tobacco and Vapes Bill will progress no further and, as a result, the Committee has decided not to proceed with any further scrutiny of the LCM at this stage.

In the meantime, I am writing to you now to ask what implications these latest developments are likely to have for the future development of Scottish Government policy on smoking, tobacco, and vaping, including any potential plans for future legislation. To assist the Committee in reaching a decision as to any future scrutiny that may be necessary in this area, I would be grateful to receive an update from you by Friday, 21 June.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "CHaughey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C' and a stylized 'H'.

Clare Haughey MSP  
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