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Subject: public feedback on tobacco packaging

Dear Sir

MOH believes that "tobacco use continues to be a significant public health concern" as smoking causes cancer and affects both smokers and non-smokers. The Republic's aim is to have a "tobacco free society". This is a laudable objective.

Over the years, MOH and associated organizations have spent millions of dollars and countless manpower hours to curb smoking. The seeking of public feedback on the standardization of tobacco packaging is MOH's latest effort. But to date, smoking remains a significant problem.

If we look at other harmful substances, various government agencies have banned cancer causing substances in food and medical products. They have also banned the use of harmful chemicals in toys etc. Drugs is illegal and death penalty awaits users and sellers. We even banned chewing gum for practical reasons.

If smoking is so very harmful and the ultimate aim is to have a tobacco free society, the government should ban it. By doing so, we will have a tobacco free society the day it is banned. It does not make much sense to allow smokers to continue harming themselves and others. It also does not make sense to continue spending taxpayers' money to find ways and means to curb smoking. By banning smoking, we will save not only millions of dollars but also the countless hours put in by public servants which could be put to better use.

Thank you for allowing us to provide our views. It would be really good if we could be enlightened on the reasons for not banning something that causes cancer to the user and others around them.

For your kind consideration please.

Kind Regards

Stephen Wong