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Martin O'Malley, Governor – Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor – John M. Colmers, Secretary

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The Honorable Martin O'Malley
Governor
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The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
H-107 State House
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The Honorable Michael Erin Busch
Speaker of the House
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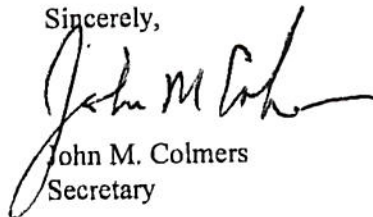
RE: SB 896 (Ch. 18) and HB 1425 (Ch. 17) of the Acts of 2000 -
2009 Counter-Marketing & Media Component of the Cigarette Restitution Fund's (CRF) Tobacco Use
Prevention and Cessation Program Annual Legislative Report

Dear Governor O'Malley, President Miller and Speaker Busch:

Pursuant to Senate Bill 896/House Bill 1425 (2000), the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (the Department) respectfully submits this annual legislative report on the status of the Counter-Marketing and Media Component of the Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Program. Though in past years the Department has been able to highlight successes in reaching smokers through effective cessation campaigns, no State funding was provided to the Department in FY09 for programmatic tobacco control media efforts in this Component, leaving no current activities funded through the CRF on which to report.

If you have questions, please contact me or Ms. Anne Hubbard, Director, Office of Governmental Affairs, at (410) 767-6481.

Sincerely,



John M. Colmers
Secretary

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