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City Councilmember Bob Long
City Hall
St. Paul, MN 55102


Dear Bob:

I was quite surprised to read your statement in the St. Paul paper regarding the tobacco industry -- especially after the lengthy discussions with many different organizations including the Teamsters that represent the tobacco and vending industries.

You made an agreement with us to ask the Council that the vending machines would be on electronic lock. It would be the responsibility of the owner of the establishment or whoever is in charge to see that there would be no one purchasing cigarettes under the age of 18. I have personally checked different establishments -- the only group complaining are the anti-smokers which are like any other anti-organization.

In the future before making a public statement, please communicate with people that have worked out an agreement with you so that we can feel free to say that we have made an agreement with Bob Long and he keeps his word. Let's not start a new ordinance.

Sincerely,


Wes D. Lane
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cc: Mayor Jim Scheibel
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