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Jennie Cook, Coalition Chair
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Dear Ms. Cook:

The purpose of this letter is to clearly state our full support for the County of Marin to prohibit the sale of tobacco products in pharmacies. The ordinance proposed by the Smoke-Free Marin Coalition is consistent with the UCSF School of Pharmacy policy on tobacco which is as follows:

WHEREAS, tobacco is the primary known cause of death in the U.S., contributing to the onset and exacerbation of numerous diseases, be it resolved that the School of Pharmacy at the University of California, San Francisco (henceforth referred to as "School," defined as the School administration and faculty) shall:

1. Endorse policies, regulations, and legislation that aim to reduce the public health burden associated with tobacco.
2. Endorse widespread dissemination of evidence-based strategies to prevent the onset of tobacco use, increase tobacco cessation rates, and reduce exposure to second-hand smoke.

FURTHERMORE, because the sale of tobacco products is not consistent with the role of pharmacists as providers of health services or as advocates for public health, and because the sale of tobacco products are in direct violation of the pharmacist's code of ethics, the School shall:

3. Oppose the sale of and use of tobacco products in any facility or establishment where healthcare services are rendered.
4. Endorse policies to eliminate the sale of tobacco products in all pharmacies and stores that contain a pharmacy.

One of our most important responsibilities as faculty members at UCSF, the only UC campus dedicated solely to the health sciences, is to speak out on policies that affect the health of the public we serve. We believe that this ordinance is an important action to safeguard the public's health and reduce the health burden associated with tobacco. Thank you for your efforts in this most important area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Guglielmo', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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