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Dr. David Teslow Director Minnesota Medical Foundation Box 193 Mayo Campus Mail

Dear Dave:

My indirect feedback from the group mounting the divestment campaign regarding the tobacco industry was that the idea was rejected by the Foundation as being "stupid". I hope that is an inaccurate report and that this group of very competent and serious people will be received and heard. Casual rejection of ideas usually results in poor understanding all the way around.

I personally think they have an argument that should be listened to carefully in a direct meeting and then acted upon with deliberation. misquoted them. As you suggested, Paul Quie was supportive.

Cordially.

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