



## Vermont Tobacco Evaluation and Review Board

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To: Joint Fiscal Committee Members

From: Stephen Morabito, VTERB Administrator

CC: Theresa Utton-Jerman, Staff Associate, Joint Fiscal Committee

Re: Tobacco Prevention, Cessation and Control Program budget recommendations from VT Tobacco, Evaluation & Review Board [18 V.S.A. Sec. 9505 (9)] [Agency of Human Services]

Date: September 9, 2014

On behalf of the Vermont Tobacco Evaluation and Review Board (VTERB), our understanding is that the mandate in the FY13 Appropriations Bill Section E312.1 “Sustainability of Tobacco Control”, and the resulting plan, makes 18 V.S.A. Sec. 9505 (9) unnecessary in planning for fiscal year 2016.

As requested in Section E312.1 “Sustainability of Tobacco Control” of the FY2013 Appropriations bill, the Vermont Tobacco Evaluation and Review Board (VTERB) and the Administration have developed a plan for funding the Tobacco Control Program for the three budget years FY2014-2016. The plan elements were established in a memorandum dated January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013. I have asked Ms. Utton-Jerman to provide a copy of that memo to the JFC.

The base budget for tobacco control appropriations derived from Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) funds for the Departments of Health and Liquor Control, the Agency of Education, and the Tobacco Evaluation and Review Board should be level funded compared to the current year; that is a total of about \$3,971,713 for FY16. This includes global commitment dollars for the Vermont Department of Health.