



Dedicated to **ZERO** Tobacco Deaths

April 21, 2021

Mr. Richard Visek
Acting Legal Adviser,
Office of the Legal Adviser
U.S. Department of State

Re: United States Report on the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination

Dear Mr. Visek:

As you know, the United States ratified the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD) in 1994, and has since submitted several periodic reports to the committee.

The United States last reported to the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) in June 2013. The United States was due to report again in November of 2017, but the federal government has not yet submitted a report.

This delay is particularly troubling at a time when racial discrimination continues to negatively impact communities of color in a myriad of ways; police brutality, health inequities faced by racial minorities which have been further exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, and the continued scourge of menthol cigarettes on African Americans who, according to the CDC, are more likely to die from smoking-related diseases.

During this turbulent time, it is essential that independent human rights review bodies, such as the CERD Committee, be presented with information to review the human rights record of the United States Government.

This delay is in violation of United States government reporting obligations. We urge you to expedite the review process and submit the report to the CERD with no further delay.

Sincerely,

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African American Tobacco Control Leadership Council
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Berkeley Media Studies Group
Berkeley Youth Alternatives
Black Karate Federation
Black Women Organized for Political Action (BWOPA)
Bosma Consulting
Breathe DC, Inc.
Breathe Southern California
Breathe-Life Zambia.
Bridges Connecting People to Education
California Health Collaborative
Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids
Cicatelli Associate Inc.
Cigarette Butt Pollution Project
Colorado Association of Local Public Health Officials
Comité National Contre le Tabagisme
Community Action Program of Evansville/ Tobacco Prevention and Control Coordinator
Community Wellness Alliance
Corporate Accountability
Counter Tools
Cynthia Perry Ray Foundation
DNF - Demain sera Non-Fumeur
Each one, teach two
Emphysema Foundation of America
European Cancer Patient Coalition
European Network for Smoking and Tobacco Prevention
Fresh (Making Smoking History)
Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
Healthy Black Families, Inc
Inland Empire Smoke Out
International Network of Women against Tobacco
J.I. Enterprises
Japan Society for Tobacco Control
Jeewaka Foundation
Jump at the Sun Consultants, LLC
Kavali Consulting
Making it Count
Missouri Eliminate Tobacco Use Initiative
National Coalition of 100 Black Women Los Angeles Chapter
National Council of Churches
Nofumadores.org
Northeast Ohio Black Health Coalition

Norwegian Cancer Society
Nourishing Hands Inc
Office of Samoan Affairs
OxySuisse
Parents Against Vaping E-cigarettes
Partnership to End Addiction
Pratyasha Anti-drug club
Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association
Public Health Law Center
Race, Racism and the Law
Raymond Tyler Enterprizes,LLC
Resource Centre for Primary Health Care, Nepal
Respiratory Health Association
RISE-Rural Initiatives Strengthening Equity
Showing Up for Racial Justice Ohio
Slovenian Organization for Public Health, Environment and Tobacco Control
Smoke Free St. Joe Coalition
Southeast Asia Tobacco Control Alliance
Tennessee Tribune Newspaper
The Center for Black Health & Equity
The Colorado Black Health Collaborative
The Dallas Post Tribune
The International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (The Union)
The Urban League of West Michigan
Tobacco and Vape Free OC Coalition
Tobacco Education & Advocacy of the Midlands (T.E.A.M.)
Tobacco Free Association of Zambia.
Tobacco Free Michigan
Tobacco Free Portfolios
Tobacco-Free Sonoma County Community Coalition
Tri-County Health Department
Tri-County Health Department (Colorado)
University of Southern California
Urban League of West Michigan
Vital Strategies
Zambia Heart and Stroke Foundation
Zambia NCD Alliance
Zambian Obesity Foundation