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Dear Law Enforcement Professional:

I am writing to inform you about the three annual tobacco compliance check programs the Wisconsin Tobacco Prevention and Control Program is conducting again this year. These programs check compliance with purchasing, advertising, and labeling requirements. Each program is described below.

**Synar** – This survey is conducted annually, using a scientific random sample, to monitor youth compliance with the Federal Synar amendment. The survey is required under federal law, section 1926 of the Public Health Service Act and authorized by Wis. Stat. § 254.916. These youth tobacco compliance checks will be conducted between June 20 and July 31, 2016.

**WI Wins** – Through this statewide youth tobacco compliance program, checks are conducted throughout the year in collaboration with local health departments, community agencies, and local law enforcement. These checks are authorized by Wis. Stat. § 254.916. These checks help maintain Wisconsin's compliance with the federal requirement that all states maintain a youth tobacco access rate under 20%.

**Tobacco Retail Inspections Program** – These checks are conducted through a contract with the Food and Drug Administration Center for Tobacco Products to enforce the Tobacco Control Act. Inspections include both youth undercover buys and advertising and labeling checks. These statewide checks are conducted year round by federally commissioned staff and trained youth.

If you have any questions regarding these programs, please contact Nancy Michaud, Youth Access Program Coordinator, at 608-266-0181 or Jill McCormick, FDA State Program Coordinator, at 608-266-1440.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vicki Huntington".

Vicki Huntington  
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