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Dear Mr. Bishop,

I thank you for your prompt response to my letter regarding Philip Morris, but there are many issues left to be resolved.

First off, your letter blatantly defends Philip Morris. In reality, this business has had a history of manufacturing deadly carcinogens for over a century. After the Surgeon Generals report in the 1960s, Philip Morris lied to the public by stating that tobacco was not addictive and did not cause cancer (we now know full well of the tobacco companies' cover-ups). Philip Morris continues to be an organization which profits from third world exploitation where there is no minimum smoking age. Additionally, the populations of these countries are not aware of the damage that cigarettes do to their health. Even though Philip Morris sells legal products, it continues to aid in killing 3,000,000 people worldwide each year.

I was not writing you to "change people's minds." I am pleading with the administration not to allow use of the student center for recruiting for such a company.

I will not waste my effort in creating an alternative social responsibility career fair; rather, I will pursue every legal means of stopping Philip Morris from recruiting at SU.

It is sad that this "Student Centered Research University" will not take the moral approach in banning an unethical company from recruiting its students.

Sincerely,

Leon Blum

CC: Dean of Student Affairs, Barry Wells