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Dear Dr. Jha,

Thank you for your recent letters to Donna Arnett, Ph.D., and me regarding the relationship between the American Heart Association and Walgreens.

For decades, the Association has been a national leader in supporting tobacco control policies, and our work has contributed to hundreds of smoke-free laws and hundreds of millions of dollars for tobacco prevention and cessation programs. Our outreach includes ongoing efforts to encourage retail pharmacy outlets to discontinue tobacco sales. At the same time, we have an obligation to engage those who can help us reach consumers with lifesaving health information and resources.

Thank you again for expressing your concerns to the American Heart Association.

Sincerely,

Nancy Brown
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Donna Arnett, Ph.D., M.S.P.H., FAHA
Mark Schoeberl
Jennifer Witten

*"Building healthier lives,
free of cardiovascular
diseases and stroke."*

Please remember the American Heart Association in your will.

