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**Re: Advancing Smoking Cessation: FDA and NIH Priorities**

The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) is grateful for this opportunity to comment on how FDA and NIH should prioritize advancing smoking cessation.

The American Society of Addiction Medicine envisions a future when addiction prevention, treatment, remission, and recovery are readily available to everyone, profoundly improving the wellbeing of all people. To help achieve this goal, we believe that FDA, NIH, and other agencies must address health disparities among priority populations that are disproportionately impacted by smoking-related illness and death by not only supporting research that increases and broadens tobacco cessation interventions, but also by adopting comprehensive and integrated tobacco control policies that promote cessation.

We support and endorse the research and interventions promoted by the Smoking Cessation Leadership Center at the University of California, San Francisco, and incorporate by reference the public comment they submitted on November 19, 2024. (See attached UCSF comment, Comment Tracking Number: m3p-2qiq-zm6w.)

Sincerely,

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President, American Society of Addiction Medicine