Date: December 14, 2015

TO: All Interested Parties

FROM: Karen Girard, Section Manager

 Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention Section

RE: Public Comment Solicited for draft 2016 Synar Report

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The Oregon Health Authority, Public Health Division is seeking input and public comment on the draft 2016 Annual Synar Report, which covers the period of time from October 1, 2014 – September 30, 2015.

The federal Synar Amendment (<http://www.samhsa.gov/synar/about>) requires states to enact and enforce laws prohibiting the sale and distribution of tobacco products to individuals under the age of 18. States must enforce youth tobacco access laws in a manner that can reasonably be expected to reduce the extent to which tobacco products are available to individuals under the age of 18. States must conduct random, unannounced inspections of youth-accessible tobacco outlets to assess tobacco retailer compliance with state law. State retailer violation rates must not surpass 20 percent.

States must submit an annual report detailing state activities. State reports must be made available for public comment prior to submission.

Oregon’s draft 2016 Annual Synar Report is now available for review and comment. The report is located on the Public Health website at: <http://www.healthoregon.org/morefreshair>.

**You may file written comments no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 28, 2015**, by submitting them to the Public Health Division at the following address:

OHA, Public Health Division

Attention: Synar Coordinator

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