



November 26, 2018

Via Electronic Mail

The Honorable Sylvester Turner, Mayor
City of Houston
901 Bagby Street
Houston, TX 77002

Re: Smokeless Tobacco

Dear Mayor Turner,

On behalf of the Harris County – Houston Sports Authority (the Authority), as owner of the professional baseball stadium, Minute Maid Park, and landlord to the Houston Astros, I am writing to express the Authority's support of the proposed ordinance relating to the prohibition of the use of smokeless tobacco in professional baseball stadiums in the City of Houston.

Major League Baseball and the Houston Astros organization strongly believe that children should not be exposed to smokeless tobacco, and the Authority joins with them to fully support a complete ban on smokeless tobacco at our stadium. Cities that are home to 15 Major League Baseball stadiums throughout the country have already put smokeless tobacco regulations in place, and it is the Authority's hope that Houston City Council will continue this momentum in the City of Houston as well.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office, or that of the Authority's CEO, Janis Burke, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Kent Friedman", is written over a large, stylized blue scribble that partially obscures the text below it.

J. Kent Friedman
Chairman of the Board