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To Whom It May Concern:

The Arizona Department of Health Services Tobacco Education and Prevention Program (ADHS TEPP) is committed to dissemination of its tobacco cessation and prevention messages throughout Arizona by providing support for community and special events. ADHS TEPP thanks you for your proposal for sponsorship.

However, ADHS TEPP is not accepting sponsorship applications at this time.

As you may have heard, there is a brand new TEPP these days, as we've recruited a team of talented, energetic, and creative staff, and have launched an intensive strategic planning process that is "leaving no stone unturned" as we critically look at the resurgence of a nationally prominent statewide tobacco control network.

Regarding your sponsorship request, please know that while we have enjoyed our partnership with your organization in the past, we have currently suspended the ADHS TEPP sponsorship program. Through the strategic planning process we are looking at some national best practices for outreach activities, which include models for maximizing the impact of sponsorships. So, until the strategic plan is completed in mid-January and we work toward the implementation of that plan in calendar year 2008, we have suspended the funding of sponsorships through Fiscal Year 2008 which ends June 30, 2008.

We appreciate your interest in ADHS TEPP.

Sincerely,

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