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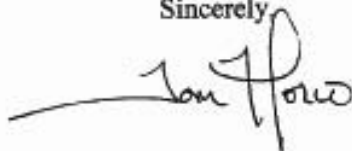
Representative Lois Capps
Congress of the United States
1110 Longworth House Office Building
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Capps,

I appreciate your concern over the hazards of smoking and encourage you, as a lawmaker, to pass legislation befitting the serious health issues brought about by the extended use of tobacco products. As members of the media, we at Vogue continue to practice our right of freedom of the press, expressing our views on such topics without pressure from, or regard for, a company who may advertise in Vogue, now or in the future.

In our opinion, however, the goal of Congress should be to create legal guidelines for the marketing, distribution and sale of tobacco products, rather than to bring pressure on a magazine to forgo its legal right to conduct business as approved by the lawmakers of the United States. Any other pressure or coercion to alter the legal right of any citizen or company doing business in America is at odds with the basic fabric of our country's value system, under which the law has the voice.

Sincerely



Cc: Anna Wintour