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The Honorable Ben Shelly
President
The Navajo Nation
Office of the President
P. O. Box 9000
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Dear President Shelly,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your leadership in establishing tobacco-free environments in the Navajo Nation in order to protect the health of your citizens and those who visit.

As you know, primary or secondhand smoke causes disease and premature death. You join a large and growing group of national leaders who have decided to eliminate the number one cause of preventable death from their communities, tobacco!

All the best in good health,

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cc: Dr. Leland Fairbanks