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Hello Chairman Lee: below are the statistics I provided on behalf of the Office of State Tax Commissioner at the recent meeting regarding cigarette and tobacco activity in North Dakota.

When comparing the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014 to the previous fiscal year cigarette volume increased from 1,016,320,850 to 1,096,501,321 cigarettes which is 7.3% and tobacco revenue increased from \$6,245,520 to \$7,006,202 which is 11%.

Using 2013, the last full calendar year, as a baseline there were 100,468,416 untaxed cigarettes sold on the Indian reservations with which we do not have a collection agreement based on our information available. The total cigarettes sold for the year was 1,157,750,785. The percentage of untaxed cigarettes based on those numbers is 8.7%.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the information or if I may be of assistance.

Respectfully,

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