



**WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE AUDIT BUREAU
LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL**

February 27, 2001

Senator Gary R. George and
Representative Joseph K. Leibham, Co-chairpersons
Joint Legislative Audit Committee
State Capitol
Madison, Wisconsin 53702

Dear Senator George and Representative Leibham:

As required by 1999 Wisconsin Act 9, we have completed a limited-scope review of the fiscal year 1999-2000 funds provided to the University of Wisconsin-Madison Medical School's Center for Tobacco Research and Intervention. In the 1999-2001 biennial budget, the Center was appropriated \$1.0 million annually from the funds received as part of the State's lawsuit settlement with tobacco manufacturers, which is known as the Master Settlement Agreement. The Center uses the funds it receives to support education, outreach, and research activities related to tobacco prevention and cessation.

Overall, we found the Center has developed and implemented adequate procedures to help ensure compliance with legislative intent and general statutory requirements that funds be used only for tobacco prevention and cessation activities. However, because of delays in finalizing the State's 1999-2001 biennial budget, as well as the need for start-up time to develop the programs, few expenditures have been incurred to date. Therefore, it is too early to assess the effectiveness of the Center's programs.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by University of Wisconsin staff during our review.

Respectfully submitted,

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State Auditor

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