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Tourist Board

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

NITB in performing its duties under the Tourism Order 1992 broadly supports the proposed legislation as it will provide clarity as to the role and responsibilities expected from the tourism and hospitality industry in Northern Ireland.

Studies of tourism destinations such as Scotland and Republic of Ireland which have introduced smoking legislation rapidly reported significant health improvements among bar workers. This in turn can assist hospitality businesses to improve their productivity and competitiveness.

We understand that industry representative bodies will input their own views on the draft legislation.

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