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Dear Ms Skinner,

Thank you for your letter of 12 March 2024 to the Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, Stella Kyriakides, on the topic of the Commission proposal for a Council Recommendation on vaccine-preventable cancers ⁽¹⁾ that was published on 31 January this year. Thank you also for your contribution ⁽²⁾ to the Call for Evidence that was part of the robust consultation procedure that informed the proposal, allowing all stakeholders to share their views.

The Council Recommendation on vaccine-preventable cancers ⁽³⁾ is now adopted, and as you will see, it contains a large number of recommendations that will help Member States reduce the cancer burden linked to infection with Human papillomaviruses and Hepatitis B through increased uptake of vaccination. As some head-and-neck cancers are caused by Human papillomaviruses, the new Council Recommendation may also help reduce the number of cases of such cancers.

Yours faithfully,

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⁽¹⁾ https://health.ec.europa.eu/publications/proposal-council-recommendation-vaccine-preventable-cancers_en

⁽²⁾ https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/13529-Cancer-prevention-action-to-promote-vaccination-against-cancer-causing-viruses/F3378609_en

⁽³⁾ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2024/06/21/council-adopts-recommendation-to-help-combat-vaccine-preventable-cancers/>

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