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**Philip Morris Responds to Charges Made at Waxman Hearing**

Washington, D.C., April 28 -- Philip Morris Inc. today reacted strongly to the conduct of a hearing held by the House Subcommittee on Health and the Environment, chaired by U.S. Rep. Henry Waxman (D-Calif.).

Steve Parrish, Philip Morris Senior Vice President and General Counsel, released the following statement:

"The best way to summarize the process is shameful.

"Respected journalists have suggested that the last hearing of this subcommittee with tobacco executives resembled something out of the McCarthy era -- that's not my phrase - - it's the media's.

"The American people deserve better than:

- innuendo,
- leaked documents,
- conveniently changed opinions and
- 'scientific sensationalism.'

"Let's get to the facts.

"On March 31, Chairman Waxman claimed that Dr. DeNoble's research showed that in 1983 Philip Morris knew that nicotine was addicting. We now know from Dr. DeNoble's testimony that Chairman Waxman was wrong. According to Dr. DeNoble, his research at Philip Morris led him to believe that:

- nicotine is not addictive;
- nicotine does not result in physiological dependence;
- termination of nicotine administration does not result in withdrawal;

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- acetaldehyde does not result in physiological dependence and curtailment of acetaldehyde intake does not cause physical withdrawal;
- nicotine and acetaldehyde together do not result in physiological dependence and discontinued do not result in withdrawal; and
- moreover, as Dr. DeNoble has written, evidence that a substance is a so-called reinforcer does not prove or mean that the substance is addictive.

"That Dr. DeNoble has now conveniently changed his opinions does not change the facts of what his Philip Morris research showed."

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