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Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs (ATOD) Section
American Public Health Association (APHA)
Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
615 North Wolfe Street, Room W 6027
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Dear Dr. Stillman:

The National African American Tobacco Prevention Network (NAATPN) applauds the Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs (ATOD) Section of the American Public Health Association (APHA) for honoring the life and work of Charyn D. Sutton with the 2005 Lifetime Achievement Award.

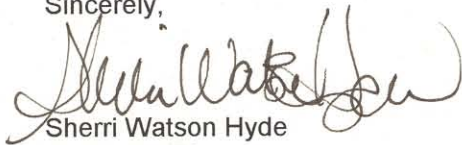
As a pioneer of the African American tobacco control movement, Ms. Sutton blazed a trail of success for us to follow. While many remember Ms. Sutton as a dedicated servant of the community, we remember her most for her strong will and determination to not just make a difference – but be the difference. As a mentor, she challenged us to do the same. She had the spirit of a warrior and the heart of an angel.

Charyn was a true grassroots advocate whose early work served as a blueprint for our work today. From her work with the Coalition Against Uptown Cigarettes which prevented the introduction of Uptown Cigarettes to the campaigns against X cigarettes, Camel Menthols, and Marlboro Menthols, Charyn and her colleagues taught us how to fight back and win.

The Executive Council, Circle of Elders, membership, and staff of the National African American Tobacco Prevention Network remain eternally grateful for the opportunities that we have had to work closely Ms. Sutton. She was a founding member of our organization and strong advocate for our mission and interests. Charyn's spirit and legacy will always remain with us, and by bestowing her with the honor of receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award, it is a joy to know that her legacy will reign within the nation's public health family as well.

Again, our sincere thanks to ATOD for honoring our sister.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Andre Stanley, APHA/ATOD Awards Chair
NAATPN Executive Council
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