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To Whom It May Concern:

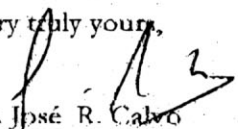
The Tobacco Institute from the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria in the Canary Islands is pleased to write this letter of support for the *Foundation for a Smokefree America's* plan to strengthen school classroom tobacco-use prevention education. We fully understand and affirm the need for stronger tobacco-use prevention curriculum, not only in US-based schools, but in schools around the world. Teachers need better access to evidence-based school curriculum, and the Foundation's planned website will help provide that.

The Tobacco-Use School Curriculum Project of *The Foundation for a Smokefree America* will provide an excellent and much-needed resource to educators, and will ultimately lead to stronger classroom tobacco-use prevention education in many nations. I understand that this project is rooted in strategies identified by the US Center for Disease Control and Prevention—strategies that support healthier schools, which mean healthier children. The promotion of tobacco-use prevention education, and the facilitation of integrating these activities into classrooms, will have significant impact on tobacco use rates for many years to come.

I first met Patrick Reynolds in February of 1999, when I acted as Secretary General for the Second European Conference on Tobacco or Health in the Grand Canary Islands. I was already familiar with Patrick Reynolds' good reputation and work over the years, and the unique and important contribution he is making to the global movement fighting tobacco use. Mr. Reynolds spoke at this very large global conference, and I recall that his appearance here was very positively covered by international television, newspapers and radio. As a result he helped bring the tobaccofree message to people in several nations. Patrick Reynolds is truly an effective international messenger and a powerful ambassador for our cause. I admire his commitment and continuing dedication to the tobaccofree cause.

I strongly support *The Foundation for a Smokefree America*, and the valuable and important work Patrick Reynolds is doing at the Foundation, to further the goal of a world free of tobacco. Because of his continuing record of devotion to the cause, I have every confidence that under Mr. Reynolds' leadership, *The Foundation for a Smokefree America* will achieve all the goals it sets out to accomplish. I have complete faith that this organization has the needed capacity ability to fulfill whatever grants they apply for, and fully implement their planned programs.

Very truly yours,

  
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