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To whom it may concern:

As dean of the School of Medicine at the University of California at San Francisco, I strongly support *The Foundation for a Smokefree America*, and the work Patrick Reynolds and his worthy group are doing to further the goal of a smokefree society.

As former commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, under both Presidents Bush and Clinton, I fought for the federal regulation of tobacco. While much progress has been made, there is so much more work that needs to be done.

Patrick Reynolds continues to make an important contribution in the field of tobacco prevention and control. He has spoken to hundreds of schools and community groups, and works tirelessly to promote tobacco-free causes. I believe that over the years, he has made a difference in the progress of the anti-smoking movement, and I have every reason to believe that under his leadership, the Foundation for a Smokefree America will achieve the goals it sets out to accomplish.

I support the Foundation for a Smokefree America's effort to provide school-based programs to educate children through smoking prevention activities and educational materials, create a stronger network of school programs, and coordinate with local health agencies. These programs represent important, necessary steps to creating a tobacco-free America.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DAK', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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