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To Whom It May Concern,

As the U.S. Surgeon General from 1981 to 1989, I was an outspoken opponent of tobacco use in the U.S. and globally. In 1986, my office issued the landmark Surgeon General's *Report on Involuntary Smoking*, which helped provide the scientific evidence to support new laws banning smoking in public places. In 1988, we published the *Surgeon General's Report on Nicotine Addiction*, a seminal report, establishing new scientific evidence that nicotine was highly addictive.

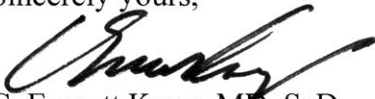
I support *The Foundation for a Smokefree America*, and the valuable and important work Patrick Reynolds is doing to further the goal of a tobaccofree society. Patrick Reynolds is one of the nation's most influential advocates of a smokefree America; his testimony is invaluable to our society. Since launching his campaign in 1986, he has continued to make an important contribution to the tobacco control public health effort.

Because of his past dedication and commitment, I am confident that under Mr. Reynolds' stewardship, *The Foundation for a Smokefree America* will achieve the goals it sets out to accomplish. Further, I have every confidence that the organization has the capacity to fulfill whatever grants for which they apply.

There is no more worthy public health effort than the Foundation's in seeking to prevent youth smoking, and to provide school-based programs to educate children, create a stronger network of school programs, and to help coordinate school programs with local health agencies.

*The Foundation for a Smokefree America*, and its programs are vital in the effort to create a tobaccofree society.

Sincerely yours,



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