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January 13, 1993

The Honorable Edward Madigan
Secretary of Agriculture
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear Secretary Madigan:

The American Farm Bureau Federation, the nation's largest general farm organization with 4.1 million members, expresses our concern over and ask for reconsideration of the executive order banning smoking in all federal buildings. The proposed executive order is unwarranted, unnecessary and highly discriminatory toward producers and consumers of tobacco products. The signators of this letter representing all the tobacco-producing regions in the United States urge your strong opposition to the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) ban on smoking in federal buildings.

For decades smokers and non-smokers have coexisted peacefully and productively with mutual respect and consideration. An executive order in the final days of the Bush Administration to ban smoking in federal buildings is neither warranted nor appropriate.

We respectfully request that you use your position as secretary of agriculture and representative of this nation's 35,000 tobacco farmers to implore OMB to rescind this executive order.

Sincerely,

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