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Dear Paul:

As we continue here to make every effort to assure that the General Services Administration hears from interested citizens about its proposed severe smoking restrictions in federal buildings, the welcome news is that members of your organization are pitching in.

We have a formidable task. As of July 3, just as we were getting in touch with you, GSA already had comments on its proposal from some 3,000 persons. Only one in ten took the view that its sweeping prohibitions should not be put in place.

Keeping in mind the July 21 deadline for public comments, you will be encouraged to know that The Institute has issued two appeals to the several thousand activists on our Tobacco Action Network rolls, and our field offices are doing everything possible to stimulate theirs and others' responses. By the same token, our member companies have alerted their employees, suppliers and others to the opportunity they have to speak up on this clear question of overregulation.

Incidentally, you will be glad to know that the Department of the Army has softened its drastic smoking restriction policy announced last month and has agreed to remain at least temporarily within less onerous Department of Defense guidelines put forth last March. I am happy to bring you this good news.

Thank you again for securing the responses of your members and associates regarding the serious GSA problem.

Sincerely,


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