

MEMORANDUM

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Subj: Federal Smoking Ban Proposal

We have learned that OMB intends to return to HHS the proposed Presidential executive order banning smoking throughout the Federal workplace. OMB has received critical comments (including substantive and legal problems) from many agencies and departments, including the CIA, GSA and the Departments of Defense, Agriculture, Interior and Labor.

Organized labor was very active in objecting on several fronts to the adverse impact of the proposal on bargaining rights. In addition, dozens of contacts were made throughout the Administration by Members of Congress. Clearly, the contacts many of you made with the USDA were instrumental in this effort.

Although this particular proposal appears to be dead, the effort to further restrict smoking in the Federal workplace will continue, as will our vigilance. Thank you for your help.

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Attachments

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