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Dear Dr. Blackburn:

Secretary Schweiker has asked us to reply to your recent letter in which you express support for the Department's smoking and health program.

For nearly three decades, under ten Secretaries, this Department has supported efforts to inform the public, particularly young people, of the hazards of cigarette smoking. These efforts will be continued under this Administration. But Secretary Schweiker has stated that here, as in other health fields, we must also be responsive to the need to reduce the level of Federal spending in line with the President's program and the economic needs of this country. We must somehow learn to do as well or better with less resources.

One of the concomitants of this new Federal direction is that our Nation will be placing greater reliance in the future on the private sector in pursuing the goals of disease prevention and environmental health. From the beginning our Department has worked with other agencies and organizations in these fields and we will continue to do so.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Pinney  
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Mr. John M. Pinney  
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Dear Mr. Pinney:

I appreciate your May 28th reply in regard to my interest about preventive goals for smoking and other established policies of the government on smoking and health. The meaning of your statement, "greater reliance in the future on the private sector in pursuing the goals of disease prevention and environmental health," I find a little vague. Thus, I am asking that you be kind enough to send me your office's plans for continuing the past goals or developing new policies for government action on smoking and health, following up on the 1990 goals for prevention and other existing policies. Those of us who have contributed much time and effort to these policies and those of us in the public health generally have the need, the obligation, and, perhaps, also the right to know what the policies of your office are now, in specific terms.

Cordially,

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Senator Durenberger  
Senator Boschwitz  
Secretary Schweiker

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