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Mr. Rudolph:

Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation, representing 97,591 family members in Kentucky, would like to be recorded as being unalterably opposed to the proposal to ban or further regulate smoking on passenger carrying aircraft.

Believe the hazards of smoking have been far overplayed by those who have been prone to jump to premature conclusions concerning a connection between smoking and health, and nowhere have we seen any authoritative evidence that tobacco endangers health of non-users as is alleged by the petitioners.

It is an established fact that smoking is an effective method of releasing tension; and, performing a valuable health aid to persons who are apprehensive while flying.

Believe that to ban smoking on aircraft would be most unfair to those passengers who enjoy the pleasure of smoking and an unjustified punitive act against the tobacco industry which includes thousands of families engaged in the production, manufacturing and distribution of a legal product.

Your consideration of our views with respect to this matter will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

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