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Sir,

Our organization, FORCES International, is submitting to the ORI a complaint of fraudulent scientific misconduct as detailed in the attached documentation, and pertaining to statements by the U.S. Surgeon General and by epidemiologic studies funded by the National Institutes of Health and other organizations.

In brief, on June 27, 2006 the U.S. Surgeon General released a report entitled: "The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke: A Report of the Surgeon General", which claims that involuntary or voluntary exposure to environmental tobacco smoke causes lung cancer, cardiovascular diseases, and an assortment of other illnesses. The report is based on – and endorses - a series of epidemiologic studies whose essential data about individual exposures to environmental tobacco smoke are intentionally fabricated. No alternate conclusion is possible, given that the Surgeon General and his staff, and the authors of the epidemiologic studies are presumably competent.

We are an independent organization entirely supported by its members, with no support from other advocacy or industrial interests. We do not dispute that tobacco may be risky for some, under certain conditions of use, but we are dedicated to find the truth about the real dimensions and consequences of those risks, free of the colorations given by special interests.

We sincerely hope a full investigation will be conducted, and the frauds exposed and corrected publicly. We shall gladly to provide additional information that you may require.

Sincerely

Maryetta Ables, President