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MEMORANDUM FOR ALMAJCOM/CV

FROM: HQ USAF/SG
1780 Air Force Pentagon
Washington, DC 20330-1780

SUBJECT: Upcoming Changes to Air Force Tobacco Policy

Tobacco use is inconsistent with a fit and healthy force and continued use of tobacco products by Airmen results in significant impact to our mission. The Centers for Disease Control have shown lost duty time from smoking in the Air Force amounts to 3,573 full-time equivalents per year—equal to the loss of an Air Force Wing. Air Force fitness data shows increased run times for smokers compared with non-smokers, and health data indicates smoking impairs night vision, reduces physical endurance, and increases the time it takes for wound healing. Tobacco also harms an Airman's long-term health and second-hand smoke threatens wingmen, friends, and family.

I am pleased to announce our new tobacco Air Force instruction (AFI) will provide leaders with opportunities to help Airmen and their families stop smoking. AFI 40-102 will call for a decrease in the number of designated tobacco use areas on our bases. This instruction will also require all medical treatment facilities to become tobacco-free campuses by the end of calendar year 2011. By implementing these environmental changes, we send a clear message to Airmen that we care about their health and fitness.

My point of contact for this issue is Lieutenant Colonel Daniel Kulund, AFMSA/SG30, (703) 588-7267, DSN 425-7267, or daniel.kulund@pentagon.af.mil.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles B. Green", written over a printed name.

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