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Dear Dr. Blum:

As the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services I am writing to congratulate you on your outstanding dedication in curbing tobacco use nationally.

Since the 1970s you have devoted countless time and energy to help make our fellow medical professionals aware of the impact that tobacco use and advertising have upon our society. Your position about the effects of tobacco advertising is now well known by the medical community. Your strong stand on this important public health issue has inspired numerous organizations and health officials to strengthen their activities in this area. In addition, your expertise on the subject has been sought by Congress and by our own Department.

As we move closer to the year 2000, you should take pride in knowing that you have taken full advantage of every opportunity to help reduce the needless disease, death and disability that smoking causes in the United States. With the dedication of individuals such as yourself, we are closer to reaching the goal of a smoke-free society.

Again, please accept the Department's congratulations for your important work to protect the health and well-being of our citizens with respect to tobacco.

Sincerely,

Louis W. Sullivan, M.D.  
Secretary