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Dear Doctor,

When Social Security began, a majority of the population was not even expected to live long enough to collect it. Today, some 80% of the population survives to age 65.

The large early gains in life expectancy were due to reduction in mortality from the major infectious diseases. Life expectancy has increased by only 6 years since 1951, and 80% of this gain has been in the years of old age, a period of illness and disability.

If people from the old days were asked, they would probably think that paradise had been achieved. But instead of being free to enjoy ourselves, today we are bullied, harassed, and browbeaten by glory-seeking, statistics-worshipping, power-hungry, unscrupulous health demagogues.

At no time do they acknowledge these changed conditions, as they try to convince us that every new-found alleged public health threat is an equivalent to the bubonic plague. In the last decade their efforts have gone beyond the limits of civilized society. As I consider you one of these, I make the following allegations against you:

You have incited ignorant mobs to believe that they are being "murdered," over a grand total of alleged deaths from secondhand smoke which amounts to about 1/5 the danger of sitting in the average home, breathing. You have enacted laws in bad faith to harass smokers, failing to deal with the indoor air quality which was your pretended goal.

You have made us the scapegoats for rising medical costs, which are actually the products of your own success at creating an aging population, and for the profligacy of the insurance companies and their hypochondriacal middle-class beneficiaries, which afford you your luxuriant livings.

You have slandered us as "addicts," deliberately trying to inflict unearned guilt and unwarranted fear, with sadism which belies your pretended concern.

You self-righteously attack the tobacco companies for failing to be the paternalistic authoritarians which nobody has ever expected or wanted them to be, from the 'idealistic heights' of your own pile of lies and smears, an inverted moral position which disqualifies you from any claim to deserve trust.

This is you, doctor. This is how you look to me. You're a real Albert Schweitzer, aren't you?

Yours truly,



To Alan Blom,

It seems to me that you are the parasite, not the tobacco companies. Who asked for you? I certainly didn't. In my opinion, we should eradicate anti-smokers, or at least confine them to prisons, so they can live in the kind of world they dream of, and leave the rest of us alone.

WE DON'T WANT YOU. WE HATE YOU. GET LOST. I wish that I could get a restraining order against you like I could against a bullying, abusive boyfriend whose face I never want to see again. I am sick of being victimized by you and your ilk. You hear me?

You have made us the scapegoats for rising medical costs, which are actually the products of your own success at creating an aging population, and for the profligacy of the insurance companies and their hypocritical middle-class beneficiaries, which afford you your luxurious living.

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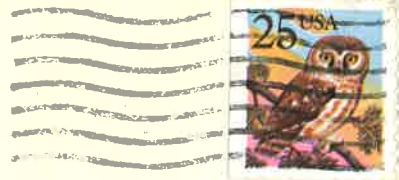
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