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My name is Horace R. Kornegay. Since June 1970, I have served as President of the Tobacco Institute, an association of tobacco manufacturers in the United States.

I appreciate your invitation, Mr. Chairman, to testify before this distinguished subcommittee at what you called an initial hearing to "explore the possible relationship between smoking and disease." I thank you for this opportunity to express views on behalf of the Tobacco Institute, in what you also said will be a series of hearings on "environmental health hazards."

Congressional hearings can be very helpful. As the New York Times said in an editorial last week, there is a "need for accompanying all national health statistics with more illuminating commentary and explanation than are now provided." Hopefully, as a result of these hearings such "illuminating commentary and explanation" will be extended to the controversial and emotional subject of smoking and health.

In February 1972 I had the honor of testifying before the Consumer Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Commerce. At that time I expressed the tobacco industry's vital concern in determining whether cigarette smoking causes human disease, whether there is some ingredient as found in cigarette smoke that can be demonstrated to be responsible, and if so, what it is. At this time, the tobacco industry is still vitally concerned about these critical questions concerning smoking and health.

For the past 20 years, the tobacco industry has supported independent scientific research with completely nonrestrictive funding. The total has now reached \$57 million dollars, including 742 grants to scientists in 317 medical schools, hospitals and institutions. The industry has funded multi-million dollar projects at Washington University in St. Louis, the Harvard Medical School and the UCLA School of Medicine. I would like to submit for the record at this point a brief report on tobacco industry research on smoking and health (Exhibit A).

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