

Official Complaint Filed Over the Surgeon General Report on Passive Smoking



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Press Release Summary: FORCES's complaint concerns several worrisome aspects of the SG Report, including deficient data-gathering methodology, data cherry-picking, and misrepresentation of flimsy evidence, which reveal not simply bias, but a clear determination to reach or reinforce predetermined political conclusions.

Press Release Body: 29-Oct-2007 – USA - **FORCES International** has presented an official complaint based on rigorous scientific analysis of the 2006 Surgeon General's (SG) Report on Passive Smoking to the Office of Research Integrity (ORI) of the United States in Washington, DC, and the complaint has been forwarded to the Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services.

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Based on such sham scientific bases, smoking bans are implemented in the United States and abroad, and have severe negative impacts on

both the economies and the social fabric.

*"Considering how serious and widespread this institutional problem is, we realize that we will not change the world overnight," said **Gian Turci, FORCES International CEO**, "but we are morally and ethically compelled to report this grave misconduct of the SG to the ORI."*

Maryetta Ables, President of the organization, stated: *"Innocent smoking citizens have become target practice for discrimination and social hatred. They are accused of anything from being killers to child abusers, all based on junk science, propagated with an appalling blindness to scientific and social ethics."*

The complaint has been presented also on behalf of several foreign branches of **FORCES** (such as FORCES Germany and FORCES Italy), as well as affiliate organizations such as the UK's Freedom to Choose, and other independent organizations.

FORCES International will maintain a section on its international website www.forces.org on the progress of the complaint. The direct link to that page is http://www.forces.org/static_page/ori/complaint.php.

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