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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
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H-232, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

JOZEF DROZDOWSKI
National Vice President

Dear Speaker Pelosi:

PATRICIA LA SALA
National Vice President

On behalf of the National Federation of Federal Employees and the 100,000 federal employees our union represents throughout the United States and abroad, we urge you to request a conference with the Senate on H.R. 1256, the "Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act". The House version of the bill contains several provisions that are of great importance to the federal workforce, and they are too important to let fall by the wayside.

KOLLEEN MCGRATH
National Vice President

These provisions addressed significant inequities in employee retirement and annuity calculations. We believe that there is strong support for these provisions in both chambers. It was only Senate procedure that kept these provisions from being added to the Senate version of the bill via amendment.

JOHN OBST
National Vice President

The revenue to cover the costs of H.R. 1256 is derived from changes to the federal employees' 401(k) style Thrift Savings Program, and ultimately, from the federal employees themselves. It is only fair that provisions representing improvements to the federal retirement system be included in the final legislation as well.

TIM OSTROWSKI
National Vice President

We are very discouraged to see these critical provisions excluded from the Senate version of the bill, but we believe they will be agreed upon and included in a final version of the bill should it go to conference.

DEBBIE RANSOM
National Vice President

We thank you for your consideration of this request.

COLIN WALLE
National Vice President

Sincerely,

Richard N. Brown
National President

