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Admiral Gary Roughead  
Chief of Naval Operations  
2000 Navy Pentagon  
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Dear Admiral Roughead:

The American Lung Association would like to take this opportunity to applaud the recent and important health-driven decision by Vice Admiral John J. Donnelly, Commander, Naval Submarine Forces, to ban smoking on submarines. Admiral Donnelly's action is a major step in recognizing the terrible dangers posed by tobacco to both the smoker and the innocent bystander breathing second-hand smoke.

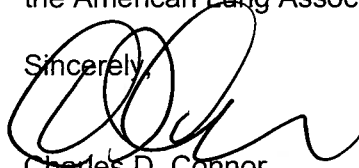
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As you know, last summer the Institute of Medicine (IOM) issued a report entitled *Combating Tobacco Use in Military and Veterans Populations*. This major report concluded that tobacco use takes an enormous toll on the health and adversely impacts military readiness. In addition to recommending that tobacco use on military installations be eliminated, the report highlighted other methods that will protect our sailors' health, such as including the institution of a tobacco-free policy at the Naval Academy, and the elimination of the sale of tobacco products at exchanges and commissaries.

Eliminating smoking on submarines is an overwhelmingly positive step towards a tobacco-free military. The American Lung Association hopes this measure will be the first among many to address the burden of tobacco on our nation's men and women in uniform.

Please do not hesitate to call on me for any assistance or support that the American Lung Association can provide you.

Sincerely,



Charles D. Connor  
Captain, U. S. Navy (ret.)  
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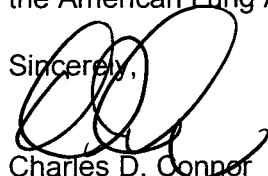
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