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**Um excepcional exemplo de resiliência
para este Cidadão e Vocês Cidadanias**

Segue e mail recebido antes de ontem da ASH, com um excepcional e vitorioso exemplo para este Cidadão e Vocês Cidadanias por ocasião das manifestações que fazemos e/ou deixamos de fazer em processo social, histórico, judicial, administrativo, etc.:

“Today, as we celebrate 25 years of smoke-free air on airplanes, visit us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to tell us what you remember about smoking on airplanes!

The absence of smoking on commercial airliners is something we all now take for granted. But it wasn't always that way. The ban on smoking was the culmination of years of effort by many individuals and public health organizations fighting an industry that had held sway in the US Congress seemingly forever.

About a year ago I attended a book signing by Congressman John Lewis and was last in a long line of people waiting for his autograph. The book was “March: Book One” which tells the story of the congressman's life-long involvement in the struggle for civil rights. But as I presented my copy of the book, I thanked him for his role in another, perhaps less momentous struggle, but one that affected the health of millions of Americans, the ban on smoking on airlines. I told him that I had appeared before his committee in October 1987 when Congress considered a ban on smoking on flights shorter than two hours.

“I will never forget that hearing,” he exclaimed “it was the longest in the history of the US

Congress!” It was indeed after midnight when I finally got my chance to speak. That limited ban was approved and two years later, in June 1989, I again testified before the House Subcommittee on Aviation chaired by Congressman James Oberstar. This time we asked for a complete ban on smoking on all airline flights, regardless of duration. And twenty –five years ago that ban went into effect.

For ASH and the public health community, the twenty-fifth anniversary is a cause for celebration but not for resting on our laurels; rather it ought to be a call to action.

Far too many youngsters are still enticed into a life of addiction to tobacco, far too many people still do not work in a smoke-free environment and far too many people still suffer the terrible consequences of tobacco use.

Our job is not done until the last cigarette has been extinguished, until the lure of nicotine is something of the past, like smoking on airplanes.

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Assim como ocorreu nos Estados Unidos da América e regra geral ocorre em qualquer processo social, a crítica construtiva e objetiva – não destrutiva e subjetiva – é saudável para encontrarmos a melhor solução para problemas coletivos em menor tempo e com menores gastos (públicos e/ou privados), expressão da racionalidade que a espécie humana razoavelmente apresenta ao longo da História. É neste contexto que lamento o ocorrido no Hospital “Albert Einstein”, com o Cidadão GUIDO MANTEGA e sua esposa (O ESTADO DE S. PAULO, 25FEV2015, A6), e reflito sobre o notável artigo de CARLOS AYRES BRITTO sob o título “O Decreto 8.243 e a sociedade civil” (O ESTADO DE S. PAULO 22FEV2015, A2), a publicar.

Resilientemente,

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