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Re: Scientific Misconduct by the American Cancer Society

Dear Mr. Phillips,

I am an epidemiologist and have been on the faculty of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and the Stony Brook School of Medicine, as well as holding other positions (<https://www.geoffreykabat.com/>). In addition to over [150 peer-reviewed articles](#), I have written for the general public regarding questions involving potential health risks and how to assess the relevant scientific evidence. I have also written two books published by Columbia University Press about environmental health risks ([here](#) and [here](#)) and how, on certain prominent questions, epidemiology has been used to make erroneous claims that various environmental factors play an important role in specific diseases.

I have been an epidemiologic colleague of Dr. James E. Enstrom for over 40 years. I strongly support the evidence of scientific misconduct by the ACS that he has presented in his August 8, 2023 email letter to you (<http://scientificintegrityinstitute.org/JEEACS080723.pdf>). Also, I note that his evidence has been supported in two letters to ACS Board Chair Brian Marlow: the March 31, 2023 CO2 Coalition letter (<http://scientificintegrityinstitute.org/CO2ACS033123.pdf>) and the August 8, 2023 CFACT letter (<https://www.cfact.org/2023/08/08/cfact-to-american-cancer-society-reject-epas-politicized-emissions-standards/>).

In addition, my March 10, 2022 letter supports Dr. Enstrom's evidence that, contrary to repeated ACS claims, PM2.5 does not "cause" premature death (<http://scientificintegrityinstitute.org/CSURIOPeel031122.pdf>). Chapter 6, "The Controversy Over Passive Smoking," in my 2008 book *Hyping Health Risks* provides strong evidence that, contrary to repeated ACS claims, passive smoking does not "cause" lung cancer and heart disease ([https://www.google.com/books/edition/Hyping\\_Health\\_Risks/AvVmXBvEwscC?hl=en&gbpv=1&printsec=frontcover](https://www.google.com/books/edition/Hyping_Health_Risks/AvVmXBvEwscC?hl=en&gbpv=1&printsec=frontcover)).

Finally, note Dr. Alpa V. Patel's October 1, 2022 *Cancer* article "Key risk factors for the relative and absolute 5-year risk of cancer to enhance cancer screening and prevention" (doi: 10.1002/cncr.34396). This article by the ACS Senior Vice President for Population Science makes no mention of PM2.5 and passive smoke as risk factors for cancer. Thus, I request that you ask Dr. Patel to work professionally with Dr. Enstrom in order to resolve contested ACS-based results regarding PM2.5 and mortality (doi: 10.1177/1559325817693345).

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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