

# 2001 Current Fiscal Year Report: President's Commission on Improving Economic Opportunity in Communities Dependent on Tobacco Production While Protecting Public Health

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<b>1. Department or Agency</b>			<b>2. Fiscal Year</b>
Department of Agriculture			2001
<b>3. Committee or Subcommittee</b>			<b>3b. GSA Committee No.</b>
President's Commission on Improving Economic Opportunity in Communities Dependent on Tobacco Production While Protecting Public Health			9553
<b>4. Is this New Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>5. Current Charter</b>	<b>6. Expected Renewal Date</b>	<b>7. Expected Term Date</b>
No	09/28/2000	09/28/2002	05/18/2001
<b>8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>8b. Specific Termination Authority</b>		<b>8c. Actual Term Date</b>
Yes	EO 13168		05/18/2001
<b>9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year</b>	<b>10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?</b>		<b>10b. Legislation Pending?</b>
Terminate	No		Enacted
<b>11. Establishment Authority</b>			Presidential
<b>12. Specific Establishment Authority</b>	<b>13. Effective Date</b>	<b>14. Committee Type</b>	<b>14c. Presidential?</b>
EO 13168	09/22/2000	Ad hoc	Yes
<b>15. Description of Committee</b>			Other Committee
<b>16a. Total Number of Reports</b>			2
<b>16b. Report Date</b>	<b>Report Title</b>		
01/26/2001	Preliminary Report		
05/14/2001	Tobacco at a Crossroad - A Call for Action (Final Report)		

## Number of Committee Reports Listed: 2

17a. 7 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 7  
Open

## Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
Forum in Raleigh, NC to receive Public Comments	11/09/2000	11/09/2000
Forum in Louisville, KY to receive Public Comments	11/10/2000	11/10/2000
To review testimony and comments for preparation of Preliminary Report.	12/05/2000	12/05/2000
To review comments on the Preliminary Report and begin preparations for the Final Report.	02/21/2001	02/21/2001
To review comments received on the Preliminary Report since its the Feb. 21, 2001 meeting and to finalize recommendations from the working groups in preparation for the Final Report.	03/20/2001	03/20/2001
Public Briefing to release the final report to the public Raleigh, NC	05/14/2001	05/14/2001
Public Briefing to brief the public on the final report in Louisville, KY	05/15/2001	05/15/2001

## Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 7

	Current FY	Next FY
<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$4,298.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$101,648.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$23,529.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$2,630.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$1,677.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$16,132.00	\$0.00

<b>18c. Other(rents,user</b>			
<b>charges, graphics, printing,</b>	\$51,421.00	\$0.00	
<b>mail, etc.)</b>			
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$211,335.00	\$0.00	
<b>19. Federal Staff Support</b>			
<b>Years (FTE)</b>	0.30	0.00	

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The purpose of the Commission is to provide advice to the President on changes occurring in the tobacco farming economy and recommend such measures as may be necessary to improve economic opportunity and development in communities that are dependent on tobacco production, and protect consumers, particularly children, from hazards associated with smoking. The Commission shall review information about changes in the tobacco farming economy and federal, state, and local initiatives intended to help tobacco growers, tobacco quota holders and communities dependent on tobacco production pursue new economic opportunities. The Commission may make recommendations concerning these, and other changes and initiatives that may be necessary to improve economic opportunity in communities dependent on tobacco production. It shall also consider the public health implications of such changes and initiatives, including the efforts to reduce youth smoking and tobacco related health consequences in the United States and abroad.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The members may include tobacco producers and quota holders; public health experts; Federal, state and local government representatives; and experts in agricultural economics and economic

development. Equal opportunity practices, in line with USDA policies, will be followed in all appointments to the Commission. To ensure that the recommendations of the Commission have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Department, membership should include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, persons with disabilities, and senior citizens.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

Estimated Number of Meetings per Year - 4

Estimated Total Meetings - 8

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

The Commission is essential in order to assist tobacco farmers, quota holders and their communities adjust to changes in the tobacco economy and become less dependent on tobacco, while ensuring the continued protection of public health. Due to the different interests at stake and the intense public debate because of severe cuts in federal tobacco quotas, it is critical that a consensus of recommendations are developed by means of an advisory committee to ensure public involvement in the process.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

**21. Remarks**

This commission will terminate 30 days after submitting its final report, but not later than 2 years from the date of the Order, unless extended by the President.

## Designated Federal Officer

Solomon Whitfield Acting Director, Tobacco and  
Peanuts Division

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Birgmann, LynnCarol	10/16/2000	05/18/2001	Executive Director, Kentucky ACTION	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Campbell, Arthur	10/16/2000	05/18/2001	Former Assistant Secretary, Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hill, James	10/16/2000	05/18/2001	Flue-cured tobacco grower and Director of Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Kuegel, William	09/22/2000	05/18/2001	Commission Co-Chair, Burley tobacco grower & President, Burley Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Association.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Myers, Matthew	09/22/2000	05/18/2001	Commission Co-Chair, President of the National Center for Tobacco Free Kids	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Seffrin, John	10/16/2000	05/18/2001	CEO, American Cancer Society	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Shepherd, Andrew	10/16/2000	05/18/2001	Flue-cured tobacco grower and Vice-President and Director of Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sroufe, Ronald	10/16/2000	09/28/2002	Burley tobacco grower.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Wheeler, M.	10/16/2000	05/18/2001	CEO, American Heart Association	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
White, Jesse	10/16/2000	05/18/2001	Federal Co-Chair, Appalachian Regional Commission	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 10**

## Narrative Description

**What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?**

Checked if  
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Outcome Comments

**What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

None	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>

\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000

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\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000

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Over \$10,000,000

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Cost Savings Other

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### **Cost Savings Comments**

**What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?**

0

### **Number of Recommendations Comments**

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

%

### **% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

%

### **% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☒

### **Agency Feedback Comments**

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

- |                                   |                          |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Reorganized Priorities            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reallocated resources             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Issued new regulation             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proposed legislation              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Approved grants or other payments | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other                             | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Action Comments**

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

**Grant Review Comments**

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

- |                           |                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Contact DFO               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Agency Web Site    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Committee Web Site | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Online GSA FACA Web Site  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Publications              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other                     | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Access Comments**