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Completed Activities

- The Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation forwarded petitions opposing the FDA regulations signed by constituents of the following Members of Congress:
 - Senator Ernest F. Hollings, (D-SC) over 23,000 signatures
 - Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY), 55,144 signatures
 - Senator Paul Coverdell (R-GA) 26,903 signatures
 - Representative Jim Clyburn (D-SC) 4,599 signatures
 - Representative Scotty Baesler (D-KY) 10,035 signatures
 - Representative Terry Everett (R-AL) 2,567 signatures
 - Representative Earl Hilliard (D-AL) 1,098 signatures
 - Representative Jack Kingston (R-GA) 4,071 signatures.
- The CEO and President of the Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation sent letters opposing the proposed FDA regulations to Congressional delegations of the following states:
 - Georgia
 - North Carolina
 - South Carolina
 - Virginia
 - Florida
- The Presidents of the Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corp. and the Burley and Dark Leaf Tobacco Association sent letters opposing the "Commitment to our Children" pledge to all Members of Congress with tobacco in the following states:

▪ Indiana	North Carolina
▪ Kentucky	South Carolina
▪ Missouri	Florida
▪ Ohio	Georgia
▪ West Virginia	Virginia

- The Presidents of the following tobacco groups sent letters to the entire congressional delegations of their respective states denouncing the proposed FDA regulations:

- Burley Stabilization Corporation (TN)
- Stemming District Tobacco Association (KY)
- Western Dark Fired Tobacco Association (KY)
- Eastern Dark Fired Tobacco Association (TN)
- Burley Auction Warehouse Association (KY)

- The Presidents of both the Tennessee and Kentucky Farm Bureaus have sent letters to their respective congressional delegations.

- The South Carolina Farm Bureau (SCFB) unanimously passed a resolution proclaiming that FDA has no place regulating tobacco products. Letters were also sent to President Clinton from the South Carolina Farm Bureau and two county SCFB presidents.

Items Requiring Further Attention

- In January, tobacco industry representatives will be encouraging attendees to write letters to Congress at the annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation in Reno, NV.



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October 10, 1995

The Honorable C. W. "Bill" Young
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Dear Congressman Young:

We have a wonderful opportunity to work towards a goal shared by every American: Prevention of Youth Smoking. No one wants young people to smoke and age restriction laws are on the books in every state in the nation. We must take steps to better enforce these laws, not create more bureaucracy.

HOWEVER

There are those in our society who want to add inefficient government bureaucracy, destroy family farms and hamper an adult's decision to use a legal product in a misguided and ineffective attempt to prevent youth smoking.

You may have been approached with the enclosed "Commitment to Our Children" document by those who say they are supporting the cause of youth smoking prevention by pushing Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulation of tobacco. If the FDA gets away with declaring nicotine a "drug" and cigarettes a "nicotine/drug delivery device," tobacco farmers will face the possibility of FDA regulation of their tobacco crops. Farmers are already forced to deal with and be monitored by the US Department of Agriculture, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and other agencies. We know first-hand what a nightmare federal government regulations can create for farmers. We need your support and involvement to prevent the FDA from joining the bandwagon of federal tobacco regulators.

If the Clinton/Kessler proposal to regulate tobacco and nicotine is enacted, tobacco farmers could face even more expensive reporting and oversight requirements by FDA agents. These FDA agents have broad powers, including the potential for seizure of tobacco plants for FDA violations, which could require farmers to face lengthy, expensive court battles just to regain access to their own crops.

What President Clinton and Commissioner Kessler have in mind is simply more **big government interference** into the lives of adult citizens who chose to produce, sell or consume a legal product. Let's work to eliminate the problem of youth smoking in a constructive manner, not add yet another layer of ineffective government bureaucracy.

To that end, I urge you to view the enclosed "Commitment to Our Children" for what it is; more anti-tobacco propaganda rather than a constructive solution to a problem which everyone agrees needs to be addressed in a responsible manner.

Sincerely,

Fred G. Bond
Chief Executive Officer

Enclosure

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October 31, 1995

The Honorable Wendell H. Ford
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Dear Senator Ford:

On behalf of the Western Dark Fired Tobacco Growers' Association and the 9,000 tobacco producers it represents, I am obligated to convey our strong opposition to the "Commitment to Our Children" petition being circulated by several Members of Congress.

In the tobacco industry, no one wants young people to consume tobacco products and age restriction laws are on the books in every state in the nation. We must take action to better enforce these laws, not create more bureaucracy.

There are those in our society who want to add inefficient government bureaucracy, thus destroying our family farms and hampering an adult's First Amendment right to the freedom of choice in using a legal product.

You may have been approached by those who say they are supporting the cause of youth smoking prevention by pushing the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulation of tobacco. However, if FDA is given the authority to regulate tobacco because it is a "nicotine delivery device", farmers will be forced to deal with yet another government agency. Already our producers deal with and are monitored by the United States Department of Agriculture, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and many others. We know first hand what a nightmare federal government regulations can create for farmers. We certainly need your support and involvement to prevent FDA from joining the ranks of federal tobacco regulators.

I urge you to consider the consequences of the "Commitment to Our Children" petition, looking at it for what it is; more anti-tobacco indoctrination, rather than a solution to a problem which everyone, starting with parents, should address in a responsible manner.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Eaton:

Thank you very much for contacting me in opposition to the President's decision to allow the FDA to regulate tobacco. I appreciate that you have taken the time to bring your concerns to my attention.

As you may know, I strongly oppose FDA regulation of tobacco. Like other supporters of tobacco farmers, I strongly support a voluntary effort to curb teenage smoking. I believe that a voluntary effort will be most effective at preventing young people from smoking.

I am enclosing a statement detailing my active opposition to the FDA's regulation of tobacco. I hope that you find it of interest.

I will share your comments with the President and Administration officials. I would be pleased to meet with you to discuss this and other issues important to your members. I look forward to working with you.

Thank you again for writing. Please stay in touch, and let me know if I may be helpful to you in any way. With warm regards,

Sincerely,

LEE H. HAMILTON, M.C.

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NEWS FROM **Lee Hamilton**

CONGRESSMAN

9th DISTRICT

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Contact: Holly Baker

August 10, 1995

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HAMILTON OPPOSES FDA REGULATION OF TOBACCO.

WASHINGTON - Congressman Lee Hamilton expressed his opposition today to President Clinton's decision to allow the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to regulate tobacco as a drug. "I have urged the President to pursue a voluntary effort to reduce teenage smoking. I do not think it is appropriate for the federal government to regulate tobacco as a drug."

Hamilton has been engaged in close discussions with White House officials and other Members of Congress to negotiate a non-regulatory means of reducing smoking among teenagers. FDA officials support regulating nicotine as a drug, while Hamilton and other supporters of tobacco farmers advocate a voluntary approach. As Hamilton pointed out, "There is a new willingness to combat youth smoking. I think outright regulation is unnecessary and counterproductive. A mandatory approach will result in years of litigation which will only slow the effort to discourage teenage smoking. I am disappointed our efforts have not yet reached an agreement."

The President has asked the FDA to regulate distribution of tobacco to young people, including restrictions on vending machines, free samples, and advertising aimed at young people. However, tobacco companies had previously agreed to many of these steps on a voluntary basis. The proposed FDA regulations will be subject to a 90-day period of public comment, and the President has indicated he will stop FDA regulation if a voluntary settlement is reached.

"Tobacco is critically important to our economy in Southern Indiana," Hamilton said, "and I believe a voluntary agreement will be more successful at curbing teenage smoking."



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October 24, 1995

The Honorable James Quillen
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Dear Congressman Quillen,

Enclosed is a copy of a National Affairs Update on the recent proposal for the Food and Drug Administration to regulate tobacco. *We are opposed to this proposal.*

This proposal is an attack on agriculture and not just tobacco growers. There are numerous reasons we oppose this proposal regardless of any personal opinions on the health related issues of tobacco. *This is a first step toward prohibition.*

As you know tobacco is extremely important to the economy of Tennessee. Tobacco is grown in more than 70 of the 95 counties. The tobacco tax alone for the state of Tennessee brought in a total revenue of \$84,849,845 in FY95. Approximately \$84,000,000 of the tax revenue from tobacco was earmarked specifically to the education fund in Tennessee. How would we replace these dollars?

Total federal, state and municipal excise taxes on cigarettes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1994 amounted to \$12,429,519,000 - nearly \$12.5 billion or \$49 per man, woman and child.

Tobacco is a major economic stability of many local government economies in Tennessee, as well as, to the individual tobacco growers and their families.

We wanted to let you know our position on this issue and ask for any help you can provide.

Sincerely,

Joe Hawkins
President

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Enclosure

Farm Bureau in Tennessee . . . Where Membership Means Value

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September 15, 1995

The Honorable William Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20036

Mr. President:

As the president of the Burley Stabilization Cooperative, I am writing to express my outrage at the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) proposed regulations restricting the sale, distribution, marketing, and advertising of cigarettes and smokeless tobacco products.

Once upon a time, the FDA commanded the respect of all Americans. Now, however, a cabal of anti-tobacco zealots at the helm of FDA threatens to destroy the credibility and effectiveness of the agency by claiming the authority to regulate tobacco products, authority that the agency clearly does not have. Before the FDA makes itself—and the rest of the federal government—look even more ridiculous in the eyes of the American public, the agency should withdraw the proposed regulations.

The FDA should not dismiss my view of its jurisdiction as a biased pronouncement by an interested party. On the subject of FDA jurisdiction over tobacco products, I would be pleased to let the FDA and its predecessor organizations speak for themselves. The Pure Food and Drugs Act of 1906 gave the Bureau of Chemistry in the Department of Agriculture authority to regulate the U.S. drug market. In 1914, the Bureau of Chemistry declared that it had the authority to regulate tobacco products *only* if the manufacturer claimed on the label that the products have medicinal properties. In 1938, Congress created the FDA in the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. Since that time, FDA has repeatedly stated itself that it had no jurisdiction over tobacco products as traditionally marketed. In fact in 1972, Dr. Kessler's predecessor, Commissioner Edwards, testified before Congress that "cigarettes recommended for smoking pleasure are beyond the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act." And, as recently as 1989 the FDA restated its position that it does not have jurisdiction over tobacco products as marketed.

Only Congress has the authority to legislate and only Congress has the authority to decide what the FDA may and may not do. As the FDA itself has recognized for nearly eight decades, Congress decided that the FDA would not have the authority to regulate tobacco products unless the labeling on the product makes health claims. The FDA's cynical decision to reverse its position and flout the will of Congress violates not just the separation of powers central to the Constitution, but also runs counter to the basic principles of democratic government itself.

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President Clinton
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The FDA claims that it now has authority to regulate tobacco products because the agency has made a startling finding: nicotine—a natural constituent of tobacco—is an addictive drug. In my view, the only thing startling about this finding is that it is absolutely false. Not only is it false, but it is a personal insult to those of us who buy, store, and sell tobacco. Are we to be compared with those traffickers who buy opium poppies from farmers and sell them to producers of heroin?

Mr. Clinton, even if FDA has the authority to regulate tobacco, which it most emphatically does not, then under the law it follows that the FDA must ban tobacco outright. Again, in the words of former Commissioner Edwards, "if cigarettes were to be classified as drugs, they would have to be removed from the market because it would be impossible to prove they were safe for their intended use."

Needless to say, prohibition would destroy my industry and throw thousands of burley growers and their families into poverty. Prohibition would also infuriate the 40 million citizens who consume tobacco. I would venture to say that an attempt to prohibit tobacco products could very well escalate into the largest public policy disaster in the history of the United States.

For the reasons I have discussed, the proposed regulations are completely unacceptable. The FDA does not have the jurisdiction to regulate tobacco products and, contrary to FDA's assertion, nicotine is not a drug. We are not drug merchants. As FDA officials themselves have recognized, once the agency concludes that nicotine is a drug, the FDA will have to pull cigarettes and smokeless tobacco products off the market.

Before this agency, under your direction, further undermines its credibility, I urge you to direct the FDA to withdraw its proposed regulations.

Sincerely,

William Myers
President
Burley Stabilization Cooperative

cc: Sen. Bill Frist
Sen. Fred Thompson
Rep. John Duncan, Jr.

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September 27, 1995

The Honorable Thomas C. Ballenger
2238 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Ballenger:

We are writing on behalf of over 180,000 flue-cured tobacco farmers, farm operators and workers in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia to express strong opposition to regulation of tobacco by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). While FDA regulation of tobacco would be detrimental to thousands of tobacco growers and their families, there are a number of other reasons why this action is unfair and unwarranted. For example:

- If the FDA gets away with declaring nicotine a "drug" and cigarettes a "nicotine/drug delivery device," tobacco farmers will face the possibility of FDA regulation of their tobacco crops. Tobacco farmers are already forced to deal with and be monitored by the US Department of Agriculture, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and other agencies. We already know first-hand what a nightmare federal government regulations can create for farmers. We oppose the FDA from joining the bandwagon of federal tobacco regulators.
- If the Clinton/Kessler proposal to regulate tobacco and nicotine is enacted, tobacco growers could face even more expensive reporting and oversight requirements by FDA agents. These FDA agents have broad powers, including the potential for seizure of tobacco plants for FDA violations, which could require farmers to face lengthy, expensive court battles just to regain access to their own crops.
- FDA Commissioner David Kessler has said tobacco has no place in America. Hillary Clinton, Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala, and others in the Clinton Administration, have echoed this sentiment. FDA regulation of tobacco is the first step towards the elimination of a viable, legitimate American industry and the livelihoods of thousands of farm families.
- Clinton/Kessler claim their rule would stop young people from smoking. They are wrong. The Clinton/Kessler regulation would have little or no impact on youth smoking, but it would be devastating to American jobs and could destroy Tobacco land overnight. No one, including American tobacco growers, wants young people to smoke and it is already illegal for them to do so in every state in the nation. We must take steps to better enforce these laws, not create more bureaucracy.

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- What President Clinton and Commissioner Kessler have in mind is simply more BIG GOVERNMENT INTERFERENCE into the lives of adult citizens who chose to produce, sell or consume a legal product.

- FDA does not have jurisdiction over tobacco. For more than 80 years, Congress has said regulating cigarettes is its job. The FDA has consistently admitted it has no basis for regulating cigarettes, and the Courts have agreed.

- Proposed FDA regulations would trample the First Amendment. Advertising is a form of free speech, protected by the First Amendment of the US Constitution. In its quest to eventually eliminate tobacco, the FDA ignores this historic document and the rights it guarantees.

These are just some of the reasons why we are strongly opposed to FDA regulation of tobacco. We ask that you reject and work to oppose the efforts of the Clinton Administration to create further governmental interference and bureaucracy in a thinly veiled attempt to eliminate the American tobacco industry.

Sincerely,

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United States Senate

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October 26, 1995

Mr. Fred G. Bond
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Dear Mr. Bond:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your concern about tobacco issues. I appreciate your interest in this matter.

On August 10, 1995, President Clinton announced that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) would propose regulations to restrict the sale and distribution of cigarettes and smokeless tobacco products to children and adolescents. The FDA's draft proposed rule and cost analysis includes a blanket prohibition on cigarette vending machines, mail order sales, self-service displays, coupons sent through the mail, free samples and sales of single cigarettes or low priced packs containing fewer than 20.

While the personal and public health effects of tobacco use are considerable, efforts to restrict the use of tobacco products must take into consideration issues of individual liberty and the socio-economic implications of efforts to reduce tobacco consumption. In my view, the proper role for the federal government is to provide accurate information to Americans about the known health effects of tobacco use while leaving decision about whether to smoke up to individual consumers. Please be assured that I will recall your concerns should the Senate consider legislation to implement further regulations on the tobacco industry.

It was good to hear from you, and I hope you will share my views with Bruce Flye, who also signed your letter.

Sincerely,



Sam Nunn

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HEADLINE: SOUTH CAROLINA FARM BUREAU PASSES RESOLUTION STATING, 'THE FDA HAS NO PLACE ON THE FARM'

BODY:

Members of the South Carolina Farm Bureau Federation attending an annual meeting showed unified support today by unanimously adopting a resolution stating, "the food and Drug Administration has no place in the control of the production, sale, marketing or manufacturing of tobacco or the ingredients thereof."

The resolution was in response to President Clinton's endorsement of sweeping regulations that would give the FDA broad authority over cigarettes.

The regulations include such things as banning vending machine sales and retail self-service displays, imposing strict advertising restrictions, banning brand sponsorships of sporting events and limiting the distribution of cigarettes.

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C., Dec. 2

Veteran grower, Coleman Worley, joined hundreds of others expressing opposition to the FDA plan by signing a giant letter addressed to FDA Commissioner David Kessler.

"I've been a farmer for more than 38 years. What the FDA is calling for isn't regulation. It's flat-out prohibition and we won't stand for it," said Worley, Chairman of South Carolina Farm Bureau's Tobacco Committee.

"FDA Commissioner David Kessler's plan misses the mark by a mile," stated Stanley Byrd of Chesterfield county. "The commissioner says his proposal will discourage teenage smoking, but it really is aimed at restricting the freedom of 50 million American adults who choose to smoke," Byrd added.

"I fought for freedom on the front lines in the Korean war. Now, I feel the government is ignoring the sacrifice millions of Americans, like myself, made for personal freedom," stated Pete Duke, retired tobacco grower from Clarendon county.

"The FDA has no business on the farm. This is just another power grab at a time when the American people have made it clear that they want less government intrusion in their lives," said John Wiggins, tobacco grower in Marion county.

"What the FDA wants to do could put some growers out of business," said David Rogers. "I'm raising a legal crop that is part of this nation's heritage."

Everyone agrees that kids shouldn't smoke. That's not the issue here. Underage smoking is already illegal in all 50 states. We need to enforce the laws that are already in place, not add more government regulation," Rogers added.

"The FDA can't handle its current responsibilities," said Harry Bell, president, South Carolina Farm Bureau. "The FDA's already failing in its mission to approve lifesaving drugs and medical devices for the American public. They should promote public health, not politically-correct behavior. Once the government has complete control over tobacco, what's next? Fatty foods? Milk? Meat? Enough is enough! This is out of bounds."

"I'm part of three generations of tobacco farmers. Tobacco pays my bills and sent my kids to college," stated Worley. "If the FDA bans tobacco, it would spell economic disaster to my family and other South Carolina farmers. We want the government to know that the FDA is fooling with the livelihoods of thousands of family farmers." CONTACT: Coleman Worley, 803-392-3536

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U.S. Sen. Fred Thompson leveled a blistering attack Tuesday on the Food and Drug Administration's proposal to further regulate the tobacco industry.

At the same time, he called for parents to exert more responsibility over their children's behavior.

The Republican lawmaker drew repeated applause during his keynote address to the 1,500 farmers and their families attending the 74th annual Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation Convention at the Stouffer Renaissance Nashville Hotel and Convention Center.

"We've got to maintain the fight as far as tobacco is concerned to make sure the Food and Drug Administration gets out of the business of regulating things they are not supposed to be -- and tobacco is one of them," he declared.

Last year, U.S. Food and Drug Administration Commissioner David Kessler said his department's regulation of tobacco could result in "the removal from the market of tobacco products" as currently produced. The public comment period ends Jan. 2.

"In my opinion, it is the first step that they've got planned toward a ban on tobacco," Thompson said. "Congress did not give that jurisdiction to the FDA. Our 50 states prohibit the sale of tobacco to minors."

The freshman Tennessee senator emphatically added, "I think it's time that we require the parents in this country to exert the responsibility that parents are supposed to exert -- and not look to bureaucracy in order to do that for us."

Thompson then turned his attention to another major farm problem -- chemicals used to kill pests and insects.

"... It is time we brought some common sense to the regulation of pesticides in this country," he said. "We've got a regulatory reform bill that we came within one vote of getting passed (in Congress). We'll be back again next session."

The convention closed today with the election of Flavious Barker, a Sequatchie County dairyman and vice president of the Farm Bureau, as its new president.

Barker succeeds Joe Hawkins, 73, who had led the farm organization for the past nine years. He did not seek re-election.

Tuesday's convention delegates adopted a series of resolutions that will guide the state organization during '96. Others will be

forwarded to the American Farm Bureau Federation Convention that will meet in January in Reno, Nev., where national policy-making actions will be taken.

Resolutions adopted here:

Urge President Clinton and Congress to control federal spending, pay down debts and balance the budget without degrading the economy.

Express opposition to any efforts to lower exemptions in inheritance taxes and support increasing the current exemption to \$1 million -- and indexing it for inflation.

Express opposition to any effort to regulate firearms.

(these graphs taken from first edition)

Call for a study of the future of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Urge action to allow self-employed taxpayers to deduct 100 percent of the cost of their health premiums as a business expense.

The convention will close today with the election of a new president. Joe Hawkins, who has led the state Farm Bureau for the past nine years, is not seeking re-election.

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Completed Activities

- Prior to President Clinton's announcement of the proposed FDA regulations, LMC representatives worked with White House staff, Democratic party officials, House Democratic leaders and key Members of Congress to ask that they share opposition to the FDA proposal with the Administration. LMC representatives met or spoke with:

- Dan Fowler and Chris Dodd, Co-Chairs of the DNC
- House Democrat and Republican leadership
- Members of the Congressional Black Caucus
- President Frank Hurt, BC&T
- Officials of the National AFL-CIO

- LMC encouraged the National AFL-CIO to indicate its labor concerns to the Administration. At BC&T President Frank Hurt's request, then AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Tom Donohue contacted White House Deputy Chief of Staff Harold Ickes on three separate occasions. At the AFL-CIO convention in New York City, Hurt spoke personally with President Clinton on the FDA.

- Letters opposing the proposed FDA regulations were sent to President Clinton from the Presidents of:

- The Bakery, Confectionery & Tobacco Workers International Union
- Tennessee AFL-CIO
- Kentucky AFL-CIO
- Ohio AFL-CIO
- Virginia AFL-CIO
- Minnesota AFL-CIO
- Florida AFL-CIO
- Georgia State A. Philip Randolph Institute
- Wisconsin State Council of Senior Citizens
- Ohio State Building and Construction Trades Council
- Ohio Valley Council of Sheet Metal Workers
- BC&T local Allen Park, Michigan
- BC&T local Macon, Georgia
- BC&T local Louisville, Kentucky
- Transportation Communications International Union, Michigan

• Letters opposing the proposed FDA regulations were sent to Harold Ickes from the Presidents of:

- North Carolina AFL-CIO
- Sheet Metal Workers' International Association
- The International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers

• LMC representatives met with over 50 House Members concerning the "Commitment to Our Children" pledge. LMC representatives also met with 18 senators on the issue of the proposed FDA regulations. Eighty more Members of Congress are targeted for meetings in January 1996 back in their home districts.

• BC&T International and affiliates in all tobacco states have contacted their Congressional representatives to express opposition to the pledge, "A Commitment to Our Children."

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July 14, 1995

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Recent news reports indicate that Food & Drug Administration Director David Kessler is moving to circumvent the legislative and regulatory processes and is submitting proposed regulations on tobacco products directly to you. The FDA does not have and has never had the authority to regulate tobacco products.

As the president of the Bakery, Confectionery & Tobacco Workers International Union, I write to urge you to block this totally inappropriate action, which would have a devastating economic impact on the tobacco industry and its workers. Tobacco is a legal product produced in the United States and should continue to be treated as such.

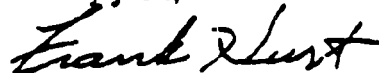
The BC&T International Union represents nearly 15,000 men and women working in the domestic tobacco industry. The industry and our members who work in it are an integral part of the economy of the southeast United States. Because of the high wages and benefits these workers earn, a major loss of jobs in the domestic tobacco industry would harm the economy of the region and have its greatest effect in communities such as Richmond, Virginia; Macon, Georgia; Louisville, Kentucky; Concord and other North Carolina cities.

Regarding curbing minor's use of tobacco products, the companies already have in place extensive advertising and educational programs, and are currently undertaking significant new additional steps to guard against minor's having access to these products.

In addition, in 1992 Congress passed ADAMHA, which required states to pass legislation setting minimum purchase age for tobacco products, as well as instituting other restrictions, which would limit access of tobacco products to minors. Further, states would lose federal funding if they did not comply with the act and to date, states are vigorously complying. The tobacco industry supports these efforts. Our union also supports these efforts to control tobacco sales to minors.

I urge you to reject any efforts by the FDA to change current regulatory policy towards tobacco. Thank you for your consideration of our position on this issue.

Sincerely yours,



Frank Hurt
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July 12, 1995

The Honorable William I. Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
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Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the Kentucky State AFL-CIO, representing more than 100,000 working men, women and their families throughout the state, we implore you to reject any attempt by the federal Food and Drug Administration to alter current regulatory policy toward tobacco.

The Kentucky State AFL-CIO is opposed to FDA regulation of tobacco products, as such regulation seriously jeopardizes the jobs of tens of thousands of working people employed in the tobacco industry here in Kentucky. Many of these men and women are union members affiliated with the Kentucky labor federation and we care deeply about the welfare of these, our brothers and sisters and their families.

Moreover, the tobacco industry in Kentucky is a vital component of the state's overall economy. Countless industry suppliers, retail consumer merchants and other businesses are currently operating in the Commonwealth thanks to commerce generated by the tobacco industry and its employees. Tobacco workers earn high wages and receive substantial benefits which are multiplied over and over again in our communities and help support critical public works and services through tax revenues they generate. Food and Drug Administration regulation of tobacco and the inevitable loss of jobs as a result, would cripple the tax base of local and state government, unnecessarily burden social service budgets and programs and leave many, many families destitute.

At a time when Kentucky is working hard to retain existing industry and recruit new high-wage jobs, we view efforts proposed by Dr. Kessler and the FDA as economically, destructively and socially unjust. Tobacco is a legal agricultural product in the United States, a key cash crop and a crucial economic mainstay, and should continue to be treated as such.

The Kentucky State AFL-CIO appreciates your consideration of our position on this issue and respectfully asks for your favorable action and response.

Sincerely,


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The President
The White House
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Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the Virginia State AFL-CIO, which represents more than 200,000 working men and women throughout the State, I am writing to urge you to reject any efforts by the Food and Drug Administration to change current regulatory policy towards tobacco.

The Virginia State AFL-CIO is opposed to FDA regulation of tobacco products because such regulations seriously jeopardize the jobs of thousands of men and women employed in the tobacco industry here in Virginia. Many of these workers are members of local unions affiliated with this State Federation and we care deeply about these brothers and sisters and their families.

Moreover, the tobacco industry is an extremely important part of the economy of this state. Tobacco workers earn high wages and have extensive benefits. FDA regulation of tobacco resulting in the loss of these jobs would cripple the tax base of many of our cities and towns.

At a time when our state is working hard to retain and attract high-wage jobs, we see efforts by Dr. Kessler and the FDA as economically counterproductive and dangerous. Tobacco is a legal product in this country and should continue to be treated as such.

The Virginia State AFL-CIO appreciates your consideration of our position on this issue and respectfully urges your favorable action.

Sincerely,

Daniel G. LaBlanc
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July 25, 1995

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the Ohio AFL-CIO, I am writing to respectfully express our concerns regarding Food and Drug Administration regulation of tobacco products.

The Ohio AFL-CIO believes that FDA regulation of tobacco products will have a devastating effect on the domestic tobacco industry, which is highly unionized with excellent wage and benefit standards. The jobs of thousands of union members would be put in jeopardy.

However, our concerns go beyond our interests in the jobs of union brothers and sisters working in the industry. We believe that if the Administration, as a result of pursuing an anti-tobacco policy which disproportionately affects the South, is perceived as "writing off" the region politically, Republicans will divert considerable resources to key battleground states such as Ohio.

Such an additional infusion of resources by the Republicans at the national level would seriously impede our efforts to carry Ohio for the Clinton/Gore ticket once again, as well as increase the number of Democrats in the Ohio congressional delegation. These are priority goals for organized labor in Ohio if we are to reverse the anti-worker, anti-union policies coming out of the Republican Congress.

The Ohio AFL-CIO appreciates your consideration of our concerns on this issue.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM A. BURGA
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The President
The White House
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Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the Minnesota State AFL-CIO, I am writing to respectfully express our opposition to Food and Drug Administration regulation of tobacco products.

The Minnesota AFL-CIO is concerned that FDA regulation of tobacco products will have a devastating effect on an industry which is highly unionized with excellent wage and benefit standards.

However, our interest in this goes beyond a concern for union brothers and sisters working in the industry. We believe that if the Administration, as a result of pursuing an anti-tobacco policy which disproportionately affects the South, is perceived as "writing off" the region politically, Republicans will divert considerable resources to Minnesota, a critical battleground state.

Such an additional infusion of resources by the Republicans at the national level would jeopardize our efforts to carry Minnesota for the Clinton/Gore ticket once again as well as increase or retain the number of Democrats in the Minnesota congressional delegation. These are priority goals for us if we are to reverse the anti-worker, anti-union policies coming out of the Republican Congress.

The Minnesota AFL-CIO appreciates your consideration of our concerns on this issue.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Bill Clinton
President
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Dear President Clinton:

Recent news reports indicate that Food & Drug Administration Director David Kessler is moving to circumvent the legislative and regulatory processes and is submitting proposed regulations on tobacco products directly to you. The FDA does not have and has never had the authority to regulate tobacco products.

As the president of the Florida AFL-CIO, I urge you to block this totally inappropriate action, which would have a devastating economic impact on the tobacco industry and its workers. Tobacco is a legal product produced in the United States and should continue to be treated as such.

Regarding curbing minor's use of tobacco products, the companies already have in place extensive advertising and educational programs, and are currently undertaking significant new additional steps to guard against minor's having access to these products. In addition, in 1992 Congress passed ADAMHA, which required states to pass legislation setting minimum purchase ages for tobacco products, as well as instituting other restrictions, which would limit access of tobacco products to minors. Further, states would lose federal funding if they did not comply with the act and to date, states are vigorously complying. The tobacco industry supports these efforts. Our state federation also supports these efforts to control tobacco sales to minors.

I urge you to reject any efforts by the FDA to change current regulatory policy towards tobacco. Thank you for your consideration of our position on this issue.

Sincerely yours,

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July 27, 1995

Mr. Harold Ickes
Deputy Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Ickes:

On behalf of the Sheet Metal Workers' International Association and its 150,000 members, I am writing to express our strong opposition to Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulation of tobacco products.

Our union represents men and women employees in the domestic tobacco industry. We are concerned that FDA regulation of tobacco products will result in the loss of thousands of union jobs related to the industry.

Further, we believe that the President's re-election is critical to the interest of our members and the issues which affect their lives--workplace health and safety, preserving Davis-Bacon, and reforming labor laws. We are concerned that FDA attempts to regulate the tobacco industry will have a significant adverse political impact throughout the South, particularly in those states where the President ran strongly in 1992--Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee and North Carolina. An Administration perceived as anti-tobacco could also be a liability in border states such as Missouri and Maryland, where tobacco is grown in distinct regions of those states.

The strength of the re-election campaign in the South will also have an impact on other key regions of the country, including the industrial Midwest. If the Administration, as a result of pursuing an anti-tobacco policy which disproportionately affects the South, is perceived as "writing off" the region politically, Republicans will be able to divert considerable resources to crucial states such as Ohio, Illinois, Pennsylvania and Michigan.

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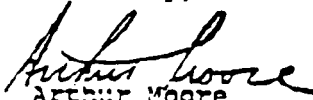
A Democratic Congress is absolutely essential for the success of the President's legislative agenda in his second term. We cannot afford to lose any Southern Democratic seats if we are to have any chance of regaining the House for the Democrats, an effort in which the Sheet Metal Workers are strongly involved. If we have any hope of regaining those seats which were lost in 1994 or in "picking up" any new seats, the Administration cannot continue to pursue these anti-tobacco policies.

Over the past decade, this nation has lost far too many high-wage, industrial manufacturing jobs. Every time a production facility is closed or loses a large portion of its work force, the community in which it is located suffers economically and socially. This is particularly true in the tobacco industry, where union members earn high wages and have extensive benefits. These jobs cannot be easily replaced in the areas where they are located such as Louisville, Kentucky; Macon, Georgia; and, Concord, North Carolina.

Again, the Sheet Metal Workers' International Association hopes that you will consider the economic, social and political impact of FDA regulation of domestic tobacco products and reject efforts by the FDA to drastically change current policy towards tobacco.

Thank you for your consideration.

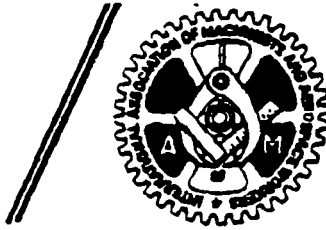
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August 18, 1995

Mr. Harold Ickes
Assistant to the President and
Deputy Chief of Staff
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Mr. Ickes:

I am writing on behalf of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers to express our opposition to the Food and Drug Administration's regulation of tobacco products. It should be understood that we support the President's position that he must aggressively pursue educational programs that attack and stop teenage smoking; however, we believe this goal can be attained without FDA regulation of tobacco products.

The economic, social, and political impact of this proposed regulation must be taken into consideration. The IAM represents more than four thousand men and women employed in the domestic tobacco industry. The security of these jobs may be placed at risk if this action is taken. As you know, this nation is experiencing a loss of jobs due to base closures and defense spending cuts. This defense conversion process alone presents an economic and political challenge for our union and this Administration to overcome.

This Administration must project policies that promote economic stability and growth. The states of Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, North Carolina, and Tennessee will be critical to the reelection of President Clinton in 1996. If the President fails to be reelected in 1996 his vision of a healthier next generation will be lost. Political and tobacco industry opponents lack credibility if they argue against the President's initiative to stop the youth of this country from becoming habitual users of tobacco products. His concerns are well founded, but must be balanced with political reality and long-term strategy that will maintain economic stability and tobacco industry accountability to extend into the President's second term.

The loss of both the House and Senate in 1994 and the partisan Republican politics we have observed being played out in both chambers of Congress must come to an end with the 1996 elections. Currently opportunities do exist to regain seats lost in tobacco producing Congressional districts. People do enjoy the use of tobacco products. There is common ground

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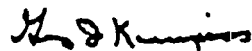
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to work with the tobacco industry so that smoking by young people will be discouraged. What is really needed is a no-nonsense program put in place by industry and scrutinized for accountability by this Administration and the public.

President Clinton has demonstrated the courage to focus and improve social issues, and we commend him for that. However, we do not believe this is the correct remedy to a problem shared across this country in every community.

Please do not hesitate to call my office if you have any questions. Looking forward to working with you. I am

Very truly yours,



George J. Kourpias
International President

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The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
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1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
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Dear Mr. President:

We wish to express our concern at the leadership of the Federal Food and Drug Administration. We understand what this department is charged with, certifying the safety and effectiveness of consumable and pharmaceutical products and treatments. However, there is an obsession in this department on tobacco. These controls by the FDA, puts the administration in dire consequences in the State of Tennessee. We have a lot of families that depend on this industry for their total livelihood and support.

It does not speak well of you to have FDA Commissioner Dr. Kessler, to use his position to pursue a personal agenda against the Tennessee and U.S. Tobacco Industry. We would hope that you and Dr. Kessler would pursue a position of research and testing to end suffering and to save lives. Don't underestimate the impact this will have on the State of Tennessee.

We ask you use your authority to re-direct Dr. Kessler's position at the FDA. You, Mr. President, should make this decision with all the information about such impact on individuals lives in Tennessee that don't smoke and grow this crop for their livelihood.

Finally, Mr. President, "There"s many ways to skin a cat without throwing the baby out with the bathwater."

We are anxiously awaiting your response!

Sincerely,

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July 28, 1995

Dear President Clinton:

As Georgia State President of the A. Philip Randolph Institute and as a member of the Bakery, Confectionery and Tobacco Workers Local 362-T, I can safely say that I can speak for the 1500 members in my union and the state membership of the A.P.R.I., that we oppose any further regulation of tobacco products by the FDA.

What we are talking about is jobs, and these are the best jobs in the Middle Georgia area. As a single African-American woman, my job gives me an opportunity to provide for my three daughters and also give something back to my community.

The tobacco industry is highly unionized and employs many African-American women, and loss of jobs would be devastating to them, their families and to our region.

The A.P.R.I. contribution to your 1992 victory was way above the normal efforts, not with dollars but with hard work, with our massive voter registration drives and our get-out-the-vote efforts on election day. The members of my union also were strong Clinton-Gore supporters in 1992.

Mr. President, we want to support you in 1996; but we are finding it difficult to do so when there is always an attack on our livelihood by someone in your administration.

We would appreciate your support and attention to these issues.

Sincerely,

Faye Waters

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August 2, 1993

President Bill Clinton
The White House
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As President of the Wisconsin State Council of Senior Citizens I am writing to respectfully express our opposition to Food and Drug Administration regulation of tobacco products.

The concern we have is that such a regulation, if imposed, will have a devastating effect on an industry that is highly unionized with excellent wages and benefit standards. This Senior Council is made up of mostly retired Union members.

In addition to our concerns about our union brothers and sisters working in the industry, we are just as concerned if the FDA is allowed to impose its regulation, it could adversely affect friendly candidates of the Administration in tight races especially in the South. That is crucial to us if we are to reverse the anti senior, and worker policies coming out of the Republican Congress.

The Wisconsin State Council of Senior Citizens appreciates your consideration of our concerns on this issue.

Sincerely yours,

Charlie Williams
State President

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**JACK IRBY
BUSINESS AGENT**

**TOMMY WEBER
PRESIDENT**

The Honorable Albert Gore, Jr.
Vice President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Vice President,

On behalf of Bakery, Confectionery and Tobacco Workers Local 128 which represents more than 120 workers, I am writing to respectfully express our union's strong opposition to Food and Drug Administration regulation of tobacco products. We are opposed to this action for a number of reasons.

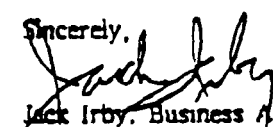
As you well know, the tobacco industry is a vital component of Tennessee's overall economy. Countless farmers, industry suppliers, retail consumer merchants and other businesses and their employees are dependent on the domestic tobacco industry. Food and Drug Administration regulation of tobacco products would cripple the industry and this would have a severe impact on the tax base of state and local government.

We are also opposed to FDA regulation of tobacco products because such regulation jeopardizes the jobs of thousands of union brothers and sisters employed in the domestic tobacco industry. These men and women earn high wages and have extensive benefits.

Finally, as union members, we believe it is critical to the interests of all working people to re-elect the Clinton/Gore team as well as add Democrats to our state's congressional delegation. However it will be difficult to achieve these goals if the Administration takes extreme measures to harm an industry so important to this state.

Bakery, Confectionery and Tobacco Workers Local 128 appreciates your consideration of our concerns on this important issue.

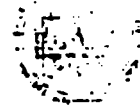
Sincerely,


Jack Irby, Business Agent
BC&T Local 128

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*Bakery, Confectionery & Tobacco
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July 27, 1995

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the Bakery, Confectionery and Tobacco Workers International Union, I am writing to respectfully express our opposition to Food and Drug Administration regulation of tobacco products.

The BC&T International Union is concerned that FDA regulation of tobacco products will have a devastating effect on an industry which is highly unionized with excellent wage and benefit standards.

However, our interest in this goes beyond a concern for union brothers and sisters working in the industry. We believe that if the Administration, as a result of pursuing an anti-tobacco policy which disproportionately affects the South, is perceived as "writing off" the region politically, Republicans will divert considerable resources to Michigan, a critical battleground state.

Such an additional infusion of resources by the Republicans at the national level would jeopardize our efforts to carry Michigan for the Clinton/Gore ticket once again as well as increase or retain the number of Democrats in the Michigan congressional delegation. These are priority goals for us if we are to reverse the anti-worker, anti-union policies coming out of the Republican Congress.

The BC&T International Union appreciates your consideration of our concerns on this issue.

Sincerely,

Donald W. Rogers

Donald W. Rogers
President B/A
Baker's Local #326

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July 25, 1995

President Bill Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Clinton:

As Local Union President, I cannot express strongly enough how much that I and the 1500 members that I represent, oppose any further regulations on tobacco products.

Futher regulations on tobacco products threaten our jobs and the future of our families.

As union members we supported you and the Democratic Party in the 1992 elections; but it is getting harder and harder to support you and the national Democratic Party; when our livelihood is under constant attack from elements in the Democratic Party.

The Democratic Party here in Georgia has been hurt, and I place the blame to a large degree on the attack on tobacco products. We would really like to support you in 1996, and help the Democrats gain back the house seats that were loss in the 1994 elections; but we need your support in protecting our jobs.

Thank you,

Robert Ray, President

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The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Recent news reports indicate that the Food & Drug Administration Director David Kessler is moving to circumvent the legislative processes and is submitting proposed regulations on tobacco products directly to you. The FDA does not have and never had the authority to regulate tobacco products.

As the Cope Director of Local 16T of the Bakery, Confectionery and Tobacco Workers International Union, I write to you to block this totally inappropriate action, which would have a devastating economic impact on the 1400 dues paying, union members I represent. Tobacco is a legal product produced in the United States.

These men and woman that work in tobacco earn a high wage and benefit that is second to none in the United States. Further assaults on our product is putting the families of union members and families in the State of Kentucky jobs in jeopardy.

As you are aware Kentucky has a Governors race that is to be held in November, that is going to be pivotal for the elections to be held in 1996. Democrats in Kentucky are scrambling to hold on to the Governor Office and prevent any further losses of Democrat Representatives to the state in November.

Local 16T was a very strong supporter of Clinton - Gore in the last election not only with our members but also actively campaigning in Kentucky and Southern Indiana for the victory. Local 16T members wanted to support the Presidents reelection, but are finding it difficult to do so when their livelihood is at risk.

We urge you to reject any efforts by the FDA to change current regulatory policy towards tobacco. Thank you for your consideration of our position on this issue.

Sincerely yours,

James E. Masterson
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GARY M. FALEY
Michigan State Legislative Director

July 28, 1995

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As the Michigan State Legislative Director for the Transportation Communications International Union, I am writing to respectfully express our opposition to the Food and Drug Administration regulation of tobacco products.

The severity of the impact that FDA regulation of tobacco products will have on our union brothers and sisters who work in this highly unionized industry is a major concern. Further, we are concerned for the many other union workers who will be affected here in Michigan. Even though this is not a "tobacco" state many Michigan union workers will be affected among the United Food & Commercial Workers who stock store shelves and work counters in stores, and the Teamsters who transport these products to market.

Beyond our concern for our union brothers and sisters, we are also concerned that such an anti-tobacco policy could be interpreted as "writing off" the South politically. That could allow the Republicans to spend more resources Michigan -- a critical state for your re-election.

More resources made available to Republicans here will seriously hurt our efforts to carry Michigan for the Clinton-Gore ticket. It will also place Senator Levin and every Democratic Congress member at higher risk. We cannot take such chances if we are to reverse the anti-worker, anti-union policies coming out of the Republican Congress.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns on this issue.

Sincerely,

Gary M. Faley
Michigan State Legislative Director

cc Harold Ickes



OHIO VALLEY COUNCIL OF SHEET METAL WORKERS



July 25, 1995

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The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the Ohio Valley Council of Sheet Metal Workers, which has more than 9,000 members in Ohio and West Virginia, I am writing to express our opposition to Food and Drug Administration regulation of tobacco products.

The Council is opposed to such regulation because we believe it will have a serious adverse effect on the domestic tobacco industry and its workforce. Our International Association represents skilled tradesmen and women working in the industry and their jobs would be in jeopardy as a result of FDA regulation.

We are also deeply concerned that if the Administration, as a result of pursuing an anti-tobacco policy, is seen as "writing off" the South politically, Republicans will be able to divert significant resources to key electoral states such as Ohio.

As the political director for the Council, I know the tremendous impact massive Republican resources will have on the Presidential campaign in Ohio as well as the congressional races.

Mr. President, we are committed to doing everything possible to carry Ohio for Clinton/Gore and to elect more Democrats to Congress. We know this is essential if we are to save Davis-Bacon, workplace health and safety programs and other programs important to union Sheet Metal Workers and all working people.

We hope you will keep these concerns in mind as you address this issue. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

David J. Williams

David J. Williams
Executive Secretary

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 30, 1995

Mr. Christopher Scott
President
North Carolina State AFL-CIO
P.O. Box 1805
Raleigh, NC 27605

Dear Chris:

Thanks for your 20 July letter. Despite the strong opposition it may stir in certain quarters, the President feels strongly that his recently announced position to substantially decrease the ability to make tobacco available to teenagers is critical to the welfare of the nation. Hopefully, public opinion will support him, but whether or not, he has chosen the course.

Hope all goes well for you. I look forward to working with you in the coming year.

Best wishes,

[Handwritten signature]

Harold Ickes
Assistant to the President
and Deputy Chief of Staff

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Harold Ickes
Deputy Chief of Staff
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Harold:

Strictly on political grounds, involving the FDA in tobacco makes no sense. In 1992 North Carolina forced the Bush campaign to spend major resources defending a state that they had hoped to win easily. Indeed, my recollection is that Bush himself was in the state three times in the last two weeks of the campaign. By taking extreme measures to harm our number one crop and industry would seem to be a declaration of electoral surrender.

Governor Jim Hunt will head the state ticket and he remains the most popular governor in America. This should be of great advantage to the presidential election. In addition, we have a chance to pick up two or three seats in the U. S. House from the 1994 debacle. Turning around the House could be an important element for a successful second term.

I know that tobacco is out of favor, but please consider the politics and timing of the proposed decision.

Your friend,

Christopher Scott

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FRANK HURT
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

October 18, 1995

The Honorable Neil Abercrombie
United States House of Representatives
1233 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Abercrombie:

On behalf of the Bakery, Confectionery and Tobacco Workers International Union and the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, we are writing to urge your support for H.R. 2414, sponsored by Congressman Scotty Baesler of Kentucky. We believe that this legislation is an effective, appropriate approach to controlling underage use of tobacco products in the United States.

Let us state from the outset that we strongly agree with the President that controlling underage use of tobacco products is an important national goal. However, we believe this goal can and should be achieved without FDA regulation of tobacco products.

The FDA proposals put forth by the Administration and currently under consideration by the agency will do little to control underage tobacco use. They will, however, lead to greater control over adult use of tobacco products.

These proposals, taken in their entirety, will most certainly have a crippling effect on the domestic tobacco industry. This industry is highly unionized. Most industry employees are members of one of our unions. These workers earn good wages and excellent benefits. The security of these jobs would be placed at risk if FDA regulation and the proposed restrictions become a reality.

As you well know, the country has been experiencing a severe loss of industrial sector jobs over the past decade. This job loss is eroding the tax base of communities around the country and impacting the quality of life of millions of middle-income working families.

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The nation does not need another industry devastated by unnecessary over-regulation. Regulating away thousands of domestic tobacco industry jobs is not the solution to the problem of teen smoking.

The most effective approach to this problem is outlined in H.R. 2414. This legislation builds on and strengthens the existing SAMHSA law as it relates to state efforts to control retail sales to and use of tobacco products by minors. It also addresses certain marketing and advertising practices.

The tobacco industry and our unions support this type of no-nonsense, tough enforcement approach which brings into the process state and local government and the industry. This approach directly targets the core of the problem.

We hope you will support H.R. 2414. Thank you for your consideration of our concerns on this issue and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Frank Hurt
International President
Bakery, Confectionery and
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George J. Kourpias
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FRANK HURT
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

October 18, 1995

The Honorable Spencer Abraham
United States Senate
B40 Dirksen SOB
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Abraham:

On behalf of the Bakery, Confectionery and Tobacco Workers International Union and the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, we are writing to urge your support for S. 1262, sponsored by Senator Wendell Ford of Kentucky. We believe that this legislation is an effective, appropriate approach to controlling underage use of tobacco products in the United States.

Let us state from the outset that we strongly agree with the President that controlling underage use of tobacco products is an important national goal. However, we believe this goal can and should be achieved without FDA regulation of tobacco products.

The FDA proposals put forth by the Administration and currently under consideration by the agency will do little to control underage tobacco use. They will, however, lead to greater control over adult use of tobacco products.

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As you well know, the country has been experiencing a severe loss of industrial sector jobs over the past decade. This job loss is eroding the tax base of communities around the country and impacting the quality of life of millions of middle-income working families.

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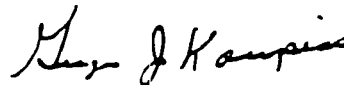
The tobacco industry and our unions support this type of no-nonsense, tough enforcement approach which brings into the process state and local government and the industry. This approach directly targets the core of the problem.

We hope you will support S. 1262. Thank you for your consideration of our concerns on this issue and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Frank Hurt
International President
Bakery, Confectionery and
Tobacco Workers International Union



George J. Kourpias
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Sept. 28, 1995

Mr. Harold L. Ickes
Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Mr. Ickes:

I am writing on behalf of the Wisconsin State Council of Senior Citizens to express our opposition to the Food and Drug Administration's regulating of tobacco products. We do support the President's position that he must aggressively pursue educational programs that attack and stop non-smokers from smoking. However, we believe such goals can be attained without FDA regulation of tobacco products.

The economic, social and political impact of this regulation must be taken into consideration. Many of the thousands of our members are retired union members. Unions such as the International Association of Machinery and Aerospace Workers have thousands of men and women employed in the domestic tobacco industry. The security of their good-paying jobs would be placed at risk if this action is taken since the nation is experiencing heavy losses in good-paying jobs. This is impacting unions and the political agenda and does no good for the unions nor the administration. The loss of both houses of the U.S. Congress by the Democrats in 1994 has derailed the union and the Clinton agenda.

People do enjoy smoking tobacco products. There is common ground to work with the tobacco industry so that smoking by young people will be discouraged. We need a no-tolerance program put in place by industry. The program must be scrutinized by the administration and the general public for accountability.

President Clinton has demonstrated the courage to focus and improve social issues and he should be commended for these efforts. However, the suggestion on education offers a correct remedy to a problem shared across the country.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Charlie Williams

Charlie Williams
President

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

12 October 1995

Charlie Williams
President
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Dear Mr. Williams:

Thank you very much for your letter concerning the economic, social and political ramifications of regulating tobacco consumption. I appreciate your taking the time to share your views with me.

I want to make it clear that the President's efforts in the area of regulating tobacco are directed only at keeping tobacco out of the hands of children. I am sure you will agree that it is in the national interest to take reasonable steps to reduce the access of children to tobacco. This is what the President has done. This is not a first step towards regulation of tobacco for adults. And because of this focus, the economic impact on tobacco states is both gradual and relatively small.

Over 80% of adult smokers began as minors, beginning, on average, at age 14. According to the Center for Disease Control, of the two million Americans who will die in 1995, approximately 420,000 will die of conditions associated with tobacco. This number is almost ten times the annual highway toll and more than the combined deaths last year from accidents, murders, suicides, AIDS, drugs, alcohol-related diseases and fire.

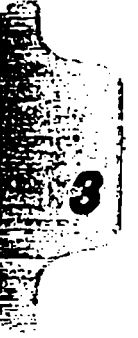
The emphasis of the President's efforts is in protecting the health and welfare of children and the issue is above politics. I hope you and your members will be able to support his efforts.

Sincerely,

Harold Ickes

Harold Ickes
Assistant to the President
and Deputy Chief of Staff

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THIRD-PARTY POLITICAL CONTACTS -- FEDERAL

OTHER

Completed Activities

- The National Licensed Beverage Association adopted an anti-FDA resolution.

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STATE POLITICAL CONTACTS

SUMMARY

Completed Activities

- Summary of activites is attached.

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- ALEC adopted a resolution which called for reform of the FDA and included paragraph blasting the agency for attempting to get into the tobacco arena, which would erode resources of the agency intended for the job the FDA was to do. The resolution was sent to all members of the U.S. Congress.
- The Southern Legislative Conference of CSG passed a resolution in opposition to the FDA proposed regulations.

ALABAMA

- Comments submitted by State Senator Dewayne Freeman dated 10/3/95.
- Comments submitted by State Representative Joe M. Ford dated 10/10/95.
- Comments submitted by State Representative Albert Hall dated 10/10/95.
- Comments expected to be submitted by 7 other state legislators.
- AL Wholesale Marketers Assn. has filed a response with the FDA Docket.
- State Rep. Perry O. Hooper, Jr. submitted comments 12/7/95.

ARIZONA

- Vending Concessions, Inc. submitted comments dated 10/10/95.
- State Senator Thomas C. Patterson submitted comments dated 10/25/95.
- Commitments received from Senator Randell Ganant, Paul Bennwitz, Ex. Dir. of Food Marketing Association of AZ.
- State Representative David Armstead submitted comments dated 11/3/95.
- State Representative Pat Connor submitted comments dated 10/25/95.
- State Representative Dan Schottel submitted comments.
- Arizona Retailers Association submitted comments dated 11/7/95.
- Lee Tilford, President of AZ Licensed Beverage Assoc. submitted comments.
- State Senator John Green submitted comments dated 11/8/95.

ARKANSAS

- State Representative Evelyn Ammons submitted comments dated 10/20/95.
- State Representative Joe Harris, Jr. submitted comments dated 10/20/95.
- State Representative Jerry E. Hinshaw submitted comments dated 10/20/95.
- State Representative Doug Wood submitted comments dated 10/23/95.
- State Representative Jimmie Don McKissack submitted comments dated 10/19/95.
- State Representative D.R. "Buddy" Wallis submitted comments dated 10/19/95.
- State Rep. Wanda Northcutt submitted comments 11/8/95.
- Dowd, Harrelson, Moore & Giles submitted comments 10/30/95.
- State Rep. Terry Smith submitted comments 11/2/95.

- State Senator Allen Gordon submitted comments 11/1/95.
- State Rep. Bobby L. Hogue submitted comments 10/27/95.
- State Rep. David Choate submitted comments 10/26/95.
- State Rep. James G. Dietz submitted comments 10/24/95.
- State Senator George Hopkins submitted comments 10/16/95.
- State Senator Nick Wilson submitted comments 10/24/95.
- State Rep. Greg Wren submitted comments 10/13/95.

CALIFORNIA

- Commitments for letters received from the California Association of Tobacco Distributors and the California Outdoor Advertising Association.
- Assemblyman Steve Baldwin submitted comments dated 11/6/95.
- Assemblyman Brett Granlund submitted comments dated 10/26/95.
- Senator Ross Johnson submitted comments dated 10/31/95.
- Assemblywoman Barbara Alby submitted comments dated 11/7/95.
- Mexican American Grocers Assoc. submitted comments dated 10/11/95.

COLORADO

- Colorado Association of Distributors submitted comments dated 10/30/95. In addition, the Association will forward to its membership for comment submission.
- State Representative William T. Martin submitted comments dated 11/6/95.
- Commitments for letters received from Rep. Tony Grampsas, Rep. David T. Owen, Sen. Joan Johnson, Sen. William Thiebaut, Sen. David Wattenberg, Denver City Councilwoman Cathy Reynolds, Colorado Retail Council, Rocky Mountain Food Dealers Assoc. Colorado Licensed Beverage Assoc., Southland Corp., Rocky Mountain Oil & Gas Assoc.
- Creager Mercantile Wholesale Grocery & Supply submitted comments 11/14/95.
- Core-Mark Int'l. Inc. submitted comments 11/22/95.

CONNECTICUT

- The CT Assn. of Tobacco & Candy Distributors submitted comments 11/8/95.
- The S&S Companies submitted comments 11/8/95.
- Atlantic Tobacco Company, Inc. submitted comments 11/13/95.
- Central Vending & Coffee submitted comments 11/17/95.
- Self Service Sales Corp. submitted comments 11/15/95.
- A&B Vending Co. submitted comments 11/15/95.
- The Grog Shop submitted comments.
- DBA Dawn Convenience Stores submitted comments.

- Stop & Go submitted comments.
- W. F. Shuck Petroleum Co. (302 E. Main St.) submitted comments.
- 542 Rocky Hill submitted comments.
- Sams Food Store submitted comments.
- J & J Tobacco submitted comments.
- Turnpike Sunoco submitted comments.
- Simeones Mobil submitted comments.
- Whiskey Pete's Beverage Mart submitted comments.
- West Street Shell submitted comments.
- Daata Mart submitted comments.
- Berlin Convenience & Deli submitted comments.
- Bishop's Garage Inc. submitted comments.
- Logan's Air One submitted comments 11/22/95.
- Dairy Mart (822 E. Center St.) submitted comments.
- Shuck Petroleum (301 Berlin Tpke) submitted comments.
- Dairy Mart (60 Main St.) submitted comments.

DELAWARE

- Dover Downs race track submitted comments. In addition, urging employees and supporters to submit comments.
- Three Sons Smoke Shop, Inc. submitted comments 11/15/95.
- Kent County Commissioner Ronald D. Smith submitted comments 11/16/95.
- Dennis McGlynn, President, Dover Downs, requested that all employees submit comments to Congress and FDA.
- Jane M. Burnley submitted comments 11/17/95.

GEORGIA

- GA Agribusiness Council is drafting a letter to the docket.
- GA Assn. of Convenience Stores has filed written comments to the FDA Docket.
- Brown & Williamson is providing the program for GA Farm Bureau's annual meeting Dec. 3-4.
- GA Agricultural Commodity Commission for Tobacco is planning a petition drive to spur a letter-writing campaign.
- GA Chamber of Commerce is drafting a letter to the Docket.
- Macon Chamber of Commerce is drafting a letter to the Docket.
- GA Industry Assn. is drafting a letter to the Docket.

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IDAHO

- ID Wholesale Marketers Assn. will not take a position, but is encouraging members to send letters.
- State Sen. Lyle R. Cobbs submitted comments.
- State Rep. Fred Tilman submitted comments.
- State Rep. Dan Mader submitted comments.
- Lt. Gov. C. L. "Butch" Otter submitted comments.
- Steve Roach submitted comments.
- Mrs. Jay Cobbs submitted comments.
- Elden Gray submitted comments.
- Bruce Korstad submitted comments.
- Lynn Lynn submitted comments.
- Jim Meade submitted comments.
- Darlene Manning submitted comments.
- Leah Cruz submitted comments.
- Janet Elam submitted comments.
- Annette Harris submitted comments.
- Stephanie Barnes submitted comments.
- Richard Jordan submitted comments.
- Duane Stotland submitted comments.
- Charles Blatton, Esq. submitted comments.
- Tim Brennan submitted comments.
- Mary Anne Kenneville submitted comments.
- Scott Gabelman submitted comments.
- Comer Brown submitted comments.

ILLINOIS

- State Representative Tom Ryder submitted comments dated 10/20/95
- State Senator Thomas J. Walsh submitted comments dated 10/26/95.
- State Representative James B. Durkin submitted comments dated 10/18/95.
- State Representative Vincent A. Persico submitted comments dated 10/16/95.
- State Representative Brent Hassert submitted comments dated 10/16/95.
- State Representative Jeff Espich submitted comments dated 10/26/95.
- State Representative Carole Pankau submitted comments dated 10/30/95.
- State Representative Bill W. Balthis submitted comments.
- State Senator Kirk W. Dillard submitted comments dated 10/24/95.
- State Senator Edgar Lopez submitted comments dated 10/19/95.
- State Representative Joseph S. Kotlarz, Jr. submitted comments dated 10/13/95.

- State Senator William Shaw submitted comments dated 10/13/95.
- State Senator Robert J. Bugielski submitted comments dated 10/13/95.
- State Representative Fernando Frias submitted comments dated 10/13/95.
- State Senator Bruce A. Farley submitted comments dated 10/13/95.
- Illinois Manufacturers' Association submitted comments dated 10/16/95.
- Alderman Rafael "Ray" Frias (City of Chicago) submitted comments dated 10/16/95.
- Alderman Richard F. Mell (City of Chicago) submitted comments.
- Alderman Ray Suarez submitted comments dated 9/18/95.
- State Representative Miguel A. Santiago submitted comments dated 10/19/95.
- Commitments for letters received from Rep. Kay Wojcik, Rep. Chuck Hardke, Sen. Tom Dunne, IL Retail Merchants Assoc., IL Liquor Control Commission.
- Alderman Laver & Shaw, City of Chicago, submitted comments.
- Senator Laura Kent Donahue submitted comments dated 11/1/95.
- IL Coin Machine Operators Assoc. submitted comments dated 10/30/95.
- State Rep. Kurt M. Granberg submitted comments 10/23/95.
- State Rep. Dan Rutherford submitted comments 11/1/95.
- Ronald T. O'Connor submitted comments 11/10/95.
- Thomas J. Bolger submitted comments 11/29/95.

INDIANA

- Letter submitted from Bob G. Pruett dated 10/19/95.
- State Representative Robert K. Alderman submitted comments dated 10/23/95.
- State Senator Johnny Nugent submitted comments dated 10/30/95.
- State Representative Dennis Heeke submitted comments dated 10/31/95.
- State Senator Jean Leising submitted comments dated 11/6/95.
- State Representative Paul S. Mannweiler submitted comments 11/14/95.
- State Rep. Cleo Duncan submitted comments 11/20/95.
- State Senator James A. Lewis submitted comments 11/3/95.
- State Rep. Jerry F. Bales submitted comments 11/29/95.
- State Sen. Richard Young submitted comments 10/26/95.
- State Rep. F. Dale Grubb submitted comments 10/30/95.
- State Rep. James L. Davis submitted comments 11/9/95.
- State Rep. Jerry L. Denbo submitted comments 10/18/95.
- State Sen. Thomas K. Weatherwax submitted comments 11/16/95.
- State Rep. Jon R. Padfield submitted comments 12/2/95.
- State Rep. David L. Lohr submitted comments 10/27/95.
- State Rep. Nick Gulling submitted comments 11/21/95.
- State Rep. Richard W. McClain submitted comments 10/31/95.

- State Rep. L. Jack Lutz submitted comments 11/1/95.
- State Rep. Larry E. Lutz submitted comments 10/26/95.

IOWA

- State Rep. Larry Disney submitted comments 11/1/95.
- State Senator Merlin E. Bartz submitted comments 10/24/95.
- State Senator Richard Drake submitted comments 10/26/95.
- State Rep. Phil Tyrrell submitted comments 10/27/95.
- State Senator Mary Lundby submitted comments 11/2/95.
- State Senator Stewart E. Iverson, Jr. submitted comments 11/2/95.
- State Senator Jim Lind submitted comments 11/3/95.
- State Rep. Neil P. Harrison submitted comments 11/7/95.
- State Senator Jack Rife submitted comments 11/7/95.
- State Senator Allen Borlaug submitted comments 11/7/95.
- State Rep. Dick Weidman submitted comments.

KANSAS

- State Representative Doug Spangler submitted comment dated 10/6/95.
- State Representative Tom Sawyer submitted comment dated 10/4/95.
- State Senator Sherman Jones submitted comment dated 10/4/95.
- Kansas Wine & Spirits Wholesalers submitted comments dated 10/24/95.
- Chuck Nickolay of the Kansas Association of Convenience Stores submitted comments
- Speaker of the House Tim Shallenburger submitted comments dated 10/12/95.
- Kansas Oil Marketers Association submitted comments dated 10/6/95.
- Hartland Park (race track operators) is working on generating 100 letters from employees and supporters.
- State Senator Dick Bond submitted comments.
- Kansas Lodging Association submitted comments dated 11/3/95.
- Kansas Hotel Association submitted comments dated 11/3/95.
- State Senator Paul "Bud" Burke submitted comments dated 10/31/95.
- State Representative Carlos Mayans submitted comments dated 11/6/95.

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KENTUCKY

- Brown & Williamson is planning on producing approximately 50 letters.
- Louisville Local smokers' rights group collected 6300+ petition signature at September state fair. Petitions will be submitted to the FDA docket.
- KY Farm Bureau is expected to generate 300 letters.
- KY Tobacco Task Force Resolution sent to President, FDA and Congressional delegation with 75 signatories.
- Brown & Williamson is making contact with 51 Burley Tobacco Growers warehouses and is offering assistance with letter writing.
- State Rep. Charles R. Geveden submitted comments 9/14/95.
- State Rep. Mark Farrow submitted comments 9/15/95.
- State Rep. James M. Lovell submitted comments 9/13/95.
- State Rep. Steven Riggs submitted comments 9/15/95.
- State Rep. Gippy Graham submitted comments 9/14/95.
- State Senator Fred F. Bradley submitted comments 9/12/95.
- State Senator Nick Kafoglis submitted comments 9/13/95.
- State Rep. J. R. Gray submitted comments 9/14/95.
- State Rep. Royce Adams submitted comments 9/13/95.
- State Rep. James Bruce submitted comments 9/14/95.
- State Rep. Kaye Bondurant submitted comments 9/14/95.
- State Rep. Gross C. Lindsay submitted comments 9/13/95.
- State Senator Jeff Green submitted comments 9/14/95.
- State Senator Albert Robinson submitted comments 9/14/95.
- State Rep. Gregory D. Stumbo submitted comments 9/14/95.
- State Rep. Barbara White Colter submitted comments 9/13/95.
- State Senator Barry Metcalf submitted comments 9/14/95.
- State Senator Paul Herron, Jr. submitted comments 9/13/95.
- State Senator Kim L. Nelson submitted comments 9/12/95.
- State Rep. Drew Graham submitted comments 9/13/95.
- State Rep. Jim Callahan submitted comments 9/13/95.
- State Rep. Adrian Arnold submitted comments 9/13/95.
- State Rep. Hubert Collins submitted comments 9/13/95.
- State Rep. Donnie Newsome submitted comments 9/13/95.
- State Senator Larry L. Saunders submitted comments 9/12/95.
- State Rep. Marshall Long submitted comments 9/12/95.
- State Rep. Larry Clark submitted comments 9/11/95.
- State Rep. Jesse Crenshaw submitted comments 9/15/95.
- State Senator David E. Boswell submitted comments 9/26/95.
- State Senator Robert J. Leeper submitted comments 9/28/95.

- State Rep. E. Porter Hatcher, Jr. submitted comments 9/28/95.
- The City of Richmond adopted a resolution in opposition to the FDA 5/2/95.
- State Rep. Rick Fox submitted comments 9/11/95.

LOUISIANA

- Senator Donald E. Hines submitted comments 11/13/95.
- Commitments for letters received from Rep. John Alario, Sen. Sammy Nunez, Rep. Steve Theriot, Sen. Armand Brinkhaus.
- Letters requested from Gov. Edwin Edwards, Ag. Commissioner Bob Odem, and AG Richard Ieyoub.
- Letters expected from LA Assoc. of Business & Industry and LA Retailer's Assn.
- LA Wholesale Food & Tobacco Distributors, Inc. submitted comments 11/21/95.
- Imperial Trading Co., Inc. submitted comments 11/20/95.
- State Rep. Bo Ackal submitted comments 11/15/95.
- State Rep. Roy Hopkins submitted comments 11/16/95.
- State Rep. Dirk Deville submitted comments 11/15/95.
- State Rep. Wilfred Pierre submitted comments 11/16/95.
- State Rep. Jack D. Smith submitted comments 11/15/95.

MAINE

- White House has apparently contacted members of legislative leadership. No member is interested in pursuing a resolution.
- Curtis, Thaxter, Stevens, Broder & Micoleau submitted comments 12/5/95.

MARYLAND

- State Senator Walter M. Baker submitted comments.
- State Delegate George W. Owings, III submitted comments dated 10/10/95.
- WMDP Service Station & Automotive Repair Assoc. submitted comments dated 10/19/95.
- State Delegate John F. Wood, Jr. submitted letter dated 10/17/95.
- State Senator Thomas Mac Middleton submitted comments dated 10/20/95.
- MD Retailers Assn. submitted comments 12/1/95.

MASSACHUSETTS

- New England Wholesale Marketers Association sent draft sample letters to it's membership and requested that the members submit comments to FDA.
- New England Wholesale Marketers Assoc. submitted comments dated 10/12/95.
- NE Wholesale Marketers Assoc. sent petitions to New England distributors to yield signatures from employees and customers -- will be submitted to the docket.
- As of 11/13/95, New England Wholesale Marketers Assn. has received 1,500 signatures from distributors.

MICHIGAN

- State Representative Vincent "Joe" Porreca submitted comments dated 10/12/95.
- State Representative Curtis Hertel submitted comments dated 10/13/95.
- Received commitments for letters from MI Convenience Store Assoc. and MI Truck Stop Operators Assoc.
- Received commitment from MI Wholesalers Association.
- MI Distributors & Vendors Assoc. printed notice on FDA Regs in Fall 1995 newsletter urging members to submit comments to FDA.
- The Small Business Assn. of MI submitted comments 11/1/95.
- State Rep. Kirk A. Profit submitted comments 10/25/95.
- State Sen. Harry Gast submitted comments 11/20/95.
- State Sen. Mat J. Dumaskiss submitted comments 11/29/95.
- MI Distributors & Vendors Assn., Inc. submitted comments 9/30/95.
- MI Distributors & Vendors Assn., Inc. submitted comments 11/30/95 (different from 9/30).
- Eby-Brown submitted comments 11/29/95.
- S. Abraham & Sons, Inc. submitted comments 11/30/95.

MINNESOTA

- Letter writing campaign from the MN Wholesalers, MN Vending Association, Retail Trade Association, individual retailers, Licensed Beverage Association has begun
- David Rasmussen, President of MN Automatic Merchandising Council submitted comments on 10/13/95.
- Jim Broberg, Owner of Bro-Midwest Vending submitted comments on 10/12/95.
- Peter A. Jude, President of Jude Wholesale submitted comments on 10/13/95.
- Thomas Theisen, President of Theisen Vending Company submitted comments on 10/13/95.
- Richard Hawkins, Owner of D & R Star submitted comments on 10/13/95.

- David Hermel, President of A.H. Hermel Company submitted comments on 10/13/95.
- Wayne Doyle of Midwest Vending, Inc. submitted comments on 10/18/95.
- A draft resolution regarding youth and tobacco will be coming from the Ags office. Copy has not been obtained for verification.
- Harold Wagenbach, President of the MN Wholesale Marketers Assn., submitted comments on 11/16/95.
- Bonnie Currie-Noorda of Lloyd Currie & Sons, Inc., submitted comments on 11/15/95.
- James D. Houser, President of Boyd Houser, submitted comments on 11/14/95.
- Rita Rotta, President of Young's Jobbing House, submitted comments on 11/15/95.
- Peter Jude, President of Jude Wholesale, submitted comments on 11/15/95 (different from 10/13/95).
- Chris Johnson of Fritz Company, Inc. submitted comments on 11/14/95.
- Steve Steinleitner of Minter-Weisman Co. submitted comments on 11/15/95.
- Ross Amundson, owner of M. Amundson Cigar & Candy Co., submitted comments on 11/14/95.
- Arnold Dass, President of Tyler Wholesale, submitted comments on 11/9/95.
- Ralph Smith, President of Granite City Jobbing Co., Inc., submitted comments on 11/9/95.
- David Sandstrom, President of Sandstrom's, submitted comments on 11/13/95.
- Harry Harrison, President of Mason Brothers, submitted comments on 11/16/95.
- John Holthusen of Thief River Jobbing Company submitted comments on 11/16/95.
- Lauren Ettesvold, President of Fairmont Wholesale, Inc., submitted comments on 11/15/95.
- James Watson, President of Watson Co., submitted comments on 11/15/95.
- Donald Lyonais of Johnson Candy & Tobacco Co., Inc., submitted comments on 11/15/95.
- David Hermel, President of A.H. Hermel Company submitted comments on 11/16/95 (different from 10/13/95).
- James Eidsvold of Henry's Foods, Inc. submitted comments on 11/15/95.
- Robert Jaekel of Hub City Foods submitted comments on 11/15/95.
- State Rep. Loren Jennings submitted comments 12/7/95.

MISSISSIPPI

- Lt. Gov. Eddie J. Briggs submitted comments 11/26/95.
- State Rep. Charlie Capps, Jr. submitted comments 11/20/95.
- State Sen. Dick Hall submitted comments 11/20/95.

- State Rep. Mary Ann Stevens submitted comments 11/28/95.
- State Sen. Bill Canon submitted comments 11/30/95.
- State Rep. Jeffrey C. Smith submitted comments 12/1/95.
- State Sen. Barbara Blackmon submitted comments 11/28/95.
- State Sen. Clyde V. Woodfield submitted comments 11/5/95.
- State Rep. Bobby Moody submitted comments 12/5/95.
- State Rep. Edward Blackmon, Jr. submitted comments 11/28/95.

MISSOURI

- Kelly A. Kribben submitted comments 11/10/95.
- Ronald T. O'Connor submitted comments 11/10/95.

MONTANA

- Montana Wholesalers passed a resolution opposing FDA regulation. Wholesalers will be working with individual retailers to submit letters
- Michael W. Parker, President of Pennington's Inc. submitted comments dated 10/25/95.
- Service Distributing, Inc. submitted comments dated 10/10/95.
- Jack F. Bollinger of Service Candy Co. submitted comments on 11/9/95.
- Mike Scheer of Pennington's submitted comments on 11/9/95.

NEBRASKA

- NE Licensed Beverage Assoc. submitted comments 11/2/95.
- NE Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Assn. submitted comments 11/14/95.
- State Senator Jennie Robak submitted comments 11/14/95.
- State Senator Stan Schellpeper submitted comments 11/14/95.
- State Senator George Coordsen submitted comments 11/14/95.
- State Senator Dan Fisher submitted comments 11/15/95.
- State Senator Dan Fisher submitted comments 11/16/95 (different from 11/15).
- State Senator Jim Cudaback submitted comments 11/16/95.
- NE Restaurant Assn. submitted comments 11/21/95.
- State Sen. D. Paul Hartnett submitted comments 11/29/95.
- State Sen. Janis McKenzie submitted comments 12/1/95.
- Secretary of State Scott Moore submitted comments 12/5/95.
- State Sen. John Lindsay submitted comments 12/4/95.
- State Sen. Eric J. Will submitted comments 12/4/95.
- State Sen. Wm. R. Wickersham submitted comments 12/5/95.