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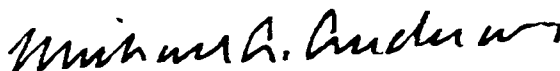
Thomas Freedman
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Dear Mr. Freedman:

On December 9, 1997, my client and I met with Don Gips about the tobacco settlement proposals and the impact on the nation's convenience stores. My firm, Vinson & Elkins, represents The Southland Corporation. Southland owns 7-Eleven stores and is the largest convenience store operator in the nation. They have progressive policies in place to keep alcohol and tobacco out of the hands of children, via their *Come of Age* program. I would like you to meet Ronnie Volkening, Southland's Manager of Government Affairs, and myself to discuss some of their practices which would make sound public policy. The Southland Corporation is supportive of the new Texas tobacco laws which they hope will become models for the legislation Congress may take up later this year.

My assistant, Brenda Jett, will contact you to see if you are available next week, February 17th or 18th. I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Michael A. Andrews

cc: Mr. Ronnie Volkening

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