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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Members of the Executive Committee

FROM: Samuel D. Chilcote, Jr. 

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This will update you on the May 16 "fire-safe" cigarette hearing on H.R. 293, sponsored by Rep. Joe Moakley (D-MA), and H.R. 673, sponsored by Reps. Rick Boucher (D-VA) and Tom Bliley (R-VA).

As reported earlier, we expect testimony from Reps. Moakley, Boucher and Bliley, as well as from Rep. Curt Weldon (R-PA), chairman of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus.

We understand that another panel of witnesses will include a burn surgeon from Pennsylvania and two burn victims.

We also understand that Center for Fire Research Director John Snell will testify for the National Institute of Standards and Technology. Snell will be accompanied by Richard Gann, who was chairman of the Technical Study Group (TSG) on Cigarette and Little Cigar Fire Safety. We expect that Consumer Product Safety Commission Acting Executive Director Tom Murr, accompanied by James Hoebel of the CPSC, will testify as well.

The International Association of Fire Chiefs and the National Fire Protection Association reportedly will testify in support of the Moakley bill. The National Volunteer Fire Council, represented by Wisconsin Director Philip C. Stittleburg, and the New York State Association of Fire Districts, represented by Immediate Past President Richard Siebert, are expected to present testimony supporting the Boucher bill.

As reported previously, former Rep. Charles Whitley will testify on behalf of The Institute, accompanied by Dr. Alex Spears of Lorillard, one of the industry's TSG representatives. Trauma Foundation Executive Director Andrew McGuire will also likely appear on this panel.

I will continue to keep you informed.

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cc: TI Senior Staff