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RE: Quarterly Activity Report - Apr, May, June 1989

Since last quarter, I have continued legislative activity as requested by local Tobacco Institute lobbyists. The "fire-safe" issue resurfaced in the state senate in April with the introduction of a second bill by Senator Dahl. We also assisted in the effort to defeat the multi-product cigarette vending machine ban on the floor of the Senate.

At the request of local TI lobbyists, I assisted in developing labor opposition to a proposal to amend the Clean Indoor Air Act by prohibiting smoking in most office areas, and the common areas of apartments and condominiums. It was our position that in the case of workplace smoking, any further restrictions must be negotiated between labor and management in a collective bargaining setting. I feel strongly that our input directly assisted in achieving the defeat of this bill on a close vote in the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

On other fronts, Acva-Atlantic conducted their survey of Ramsey County buildings on schedule in April. While I have not seen the final report yet, all parties involved in the project at the county level seemed to be pleased with the exercise, and we anxiously await the results.

During this quarter, I have spent a considerable amount of time working with individual state employees and AFSCME locals on the implementation of stricter smoking restrictions passed by the 1988 Minnesota Legislature. Many employees who smoke are quite upset over the new requirements of last years law. The situation has certainly been helpful to me in my attempts to develop interest in these issues among AFSCME officials.

Now that the legislative session is over, I intend to devote much of my time to expanding the work of the Committee in the Minnesota labor community. While our program has received significant exposure in the Teamster affiliated locals, we need to do more work in other unions, especially those that represent public employees.

Over the next couple of months, I will be working to set up two or three useful member meetings for Mr. Donohue. My members were really pleased with the information he provided

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to them the last time he visited. I look forward to providing him with opportunities to do the same with other union groups in our area.

I understand that beginning in July, I will be reporting to you on a monthly basis. I think this change will improve communications between us and enhance the effectiveness of this project. I want to thank you for the renewal of my contract with the committee, and assure you that I will do all I can to advance its work among Minnesota labor groups.

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