

EXHIBIT B

(TAN Activist Letter)

Dear _____:

As you may already know, the Michigan Senate is considering a bill introduced by Senator Faxon, that would restrict or prohibit the use of tobacco in public places.

Those public places that would be affected by Senate Bill 486 (The Michigan Clean Indoor Air Act) are:

Restaurants	Commerical Establishments	Auditoriums
Retail Stores	Meeting Rooms	Arenas
Offices	Educational Facilities	Public Conveyances
Taverns/Lounges	Health Facilities	

Penalties for violation of this act that would be brought to bear on the smoker, and/or the "person in charge" of a public place include:

- .Fines from \$25.00 to \$500.00
- .Imprisonment for up to 30 days
- .Law suits filed by "alleged" victims for damages & costs of litigation.

The Senate Labor Committee made up of Senators Plawecki, Faxon, Welborn, Corbin and Mowat will deal with the bill. Because your Senator happens to play a key role on the Labor Committee, you, along with a select few Michigan residents, can affect his all-important decision.

If you believe that common courtesy, not punitive legislation, should regulate smoking in public places, we urge you to write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper. Let him/her know that you think this legislation is unnecessary, unenforceable and too costly.

To assist you in this vital project, we have enclosed a list of thoughts to consider in opposing the bill. Use your own stationery or blank paper (not company letterhead).

Please take time to write to your newspaper today. If you receive a reply, and/or your letter is printed and you don't mind sharing it, please send a copy to the TAN office in the enclosed, postage paid envelope.

If you have any questions, please call the TAN office (collect)!

Regards,

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KEEP IN MIND...

- State in the beginning of your letter, that you are writing in reference to the recently introduced Senate Bill 486.
- Provide a short description of the bill such as: "the bill would segregate smokers and non-smokers in public places and in most places of employment, etc."
- Use words and phrases you feel comfortable with; your letter will be more effective that way.
- Feel free to call the TAN office, collect, if we can be of assistance.

THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER IN OPPOSING SB 486

- It will cost scarce tax dollars to implement the provisions of this bill by requiring the posting of signs and the hiring of additional government employees. A larger bureaucracy will be created to handle a problem that can be and is resolved by people, among themselves.
- Laws that attempt to restrict or segregate smokers in public places are of such low priority to the police that they receive little or no attention. Ironically however, when police action is taken, many question the priorities of the police.
- The answer to the public smoking issue is not to waste taxpayer's money. Mutual consideration is and must remain the business of people, not government.
- Surely, with all of the problems currently facing Michigan, the legislature could find more pressing matters to deal with.
- How much governmental intrusion can we expect in our private lives. We are grown persons and should be able to decide for ourselves whether we can smoke or not. Smokers are the only minority that is safe to hate today.
- The Lung Association pointed out in a newspaper article that, "whether or not passive smoking causes lung cancer is now a subject for more research". Do we base our laws on what we think to be the truth or what we know to be true?
- Such legislation would cost the taxpayers money to administer and enforce. Why should the state spend more money on a non-vital program when key programs are being slashed or reduced?

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