

October 15, 1993

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Karen Fernicola Suhr

**FROM:** James Savarese

**TOBACCO INSTITUTE SEPTEMBER ACTIVITY REPORT**

**TAXES AND HEALTH CARE**

- Public Affairs Activities:
  - \* Agency met with client and other client consultants to develop strategy around release of Clinton health care plan and 1993-94 health care and excise tax priorities.
  - \* Agency developed strategy and provided client with memorandum outlining program for support groups' response to the President's announcement of the Administration's health care plan.
  - \* Agency held discussion with Citizen Action staff regarding financing changes in the single-payer health care legislation sponsored by Representative Jim McDermott (D-WA).
  - \* Agency met with Citizen Action staff to discuss joint study on health care financing to be conducted by Citizens for Tax Justice (CTJ), American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) and Citizen Action.
  - \* Agency obtained advanced copy of House Ways and Means Committee summary of Clinton health care plan and forwarded to client.
  - \* Agency attended press conference by Health Care Reform Project and provided organizational statements and materials to client.

- \* Agency participated in monthly federal tax and health care meeting with client, industry representatives and other client consultants; Agency conferred with client regarding agenda items for tax meeting and provided status report on each item.
- \* Agency attended press conference sponsored by the Coalition for Smoking OR Health on poll regarding public reaction to increased tobacco taxes; Agency provided client with follow-up memo and materials.
- \* Agency met with the Coalition on Human Needs (CHN) executive director to discuss potential CHN activities on the health care issue.
- \* Agency held discussions with staff of Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA) regarding status of Clinton health care plan and jurisdictional issues for referral of legislation in Congress and reported on discussion to client.
- \* Agency met with staff of the United Seniors Health Cooperative regarding potential LMC support for upcoming conference and other activities and reported on meeting to client.

## **PUBLIC SMOKING**

### ■ Public Affairs Activities:

- \* Agency worked with National Energy Management Institute (NEMI) staff and NEMI consultant in preparation for presentation of productivity study to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).
- \* Agency submitted Fall 1993 NEMINews stories to client; Agency edited stories per client request and re-submitted to client.
- \* Agency met with NEMI representatives to advise on drafting, for submission, the NEMI grant request.
- \* Agency held discussions with client regarding update of Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) video and made initial review of script.
- \* Agency hosted NEMI strategy session and provided follow-up memo to client.

- \* Agency arranged meetings with NEMI consultant regarding meetings on proposed restaurant smoking ban in Corpus Christi, Texas.
- \* Agency worked with Pennsylvania consultant concerning IAQ problem in Pittsburgh area schools.
- \* Agency continued to monitor request from United Auto Workers Local 838 in Waterloo, Iowa, regarding proposed smoking ban at John Deere, Inc.
- \* Agency held discussion with North Carolina tobacco workers regarding smoking ban adopted by the Reidsville, North Carolina, city council.
- \* Agency forwarded copy of Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors' National Association (SMACNA) IAQ manual to client.
- \* Agency responded to request by the Communications Workers of America (CWA) in Houston, Texas, and forwarded labor IAQ information to CWA.
- \* Agency attended Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) public meeting and forwarded memo and materials to client.
- \* Agency attended briefing with client regarding H.R. 2919, the IAQ bill introduced by Representative Joe Kennedy (D-MA).
- \* Agency attended hearing on H.R. 1280, the Comprehensive Occupational Safety and Health Reform Act, and provided follow-up memo and materials to client.
- \* Agency, in conjunction with Washington LMC consultant, monitored IAQ activity in Washington state.
- \* Agency monitored proposed IAQ legislation in Missouri.

cc: Marcia Silverman  
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