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To: Michael Shannon/Lorillard/MLBA@MLBA
CC:
Subject: FW: CA clips - Firesafe and Misc.

Mike.....thought I would pass this along from Phillips regarding 'fire safe'.

As mentioned, I will be in Sacramento both this week and next for the Sinclair thing and SB-2070 among other issues.

Will talk to you on Monday. Regards....pgg

-----Original Message-----

From: Phillips, Mike W. [mailto:PHILLIM@RJRT.com]
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2000 8:37 AM
To: Carpenter, Mike; Glaab, Paul; Jacobson, Paul
Cc: Flanigan, Terry
Subject: CA clips - Firesafe and Misc.

FYI.....

- > * article advocating fire-safe passage in CA
- > * an California LTE in our favor

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> Date: 16-May-2000
> Source: San Francisco Chronicle
> Carried by: San Francisco Chronicle
> Title: Cigarettes -- Unsafe At Any Speed
> Location: California

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> WITH THE diseases attributed to breathing tobacco, it is hard to
> think of cigarette-smoking as healthy. But self-extinguishing
> cigarettes -- that go out when left unattended -- would make the
> habit a lot safer.

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> That's the aim of SB2070, by Sen. Adam Schiff, D-Burbank, which would
> require fire safety standards for cigarettes and prohibit the sale
> within the state of any brands that don't conform by 2002. Currently,
> cigarettes, largely because of the paper they are rolled in, burn to
> the bitter end, often incinerating homes, people, woodlands or
> whatever may be near. While the dangers of smoking are well-known,
> little regard is given to the safety of the product itself: Namely
> that cigarettes are a health hazard even for those who may not puff
> on them directly or inhale smoke second-hand. In 1997, U.S. fire
> departments reported 136,900 fires caused by tobacco materials,
> resulting in more than 900 deaths, 2,479 injuries and \$436 million in
> property damage including 3,019 acres of forrests.

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> Although some cigarette-makers oppose the bill in favor of more
> research, lawmakers in New York have approved a similar measure and
> the time is ripe for California to do the same.

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> Source: Fresno Bee
> Carried by: Fresno Bee
> Title: Innocent Victims
> Location: California
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> The anti-tobacco people should think twice before attacking the
> tobacco industry. Smokers, of their free choice, choose to smoke,
> even after reading the disclaimers that warn them of the dangers.
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> Tobacco companies spend good money to discourage of the addicts, who
> continue to ignore the strong warnings.
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> If smoking is as bad as the anti-tobacco groups claim why haven't the
> health departments, local, state and federal, made any effort to
> regulate tobacco as a health hazard?
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> The Washington politicians repeatedly state that the public knows
> what is best for themselves. So if addicts want to exercise their
> free choice, it is their right.
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> Tobacco companies are the innocent victims of the greedy, hungry
> trial lawyers.
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