

May 27, 1992

MEMORANDUM

TO: Sam Chilcote  
FROM: Susan Stuntz *SM*  
RE: Labor Outreach in Massachusetts

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As you know, representatives from the Labor Management Committee participated in last week's Murray-Gompers-Meany conference sponsored by the Massachusetts AFL-CIO. More than 200 labor leaders from around the state attended. Among the results reported from both formal and informal meetings during the conference:

. The president of the fair tax group in the state -- Tax Equity for All Massachusetts -- spoke to the conference; referenced all pending initiatives and noted that the forthcoming CTJ study would demonstrate the unfairness of the current tax system in the state.

. LMC representatives met with more than a dozen key labor leaders within the state to assess support for the fair tax program. They report that these meetings revealed widespread support for tax reform and opposition to excise tax increases.

. Times and dates have been confirmed for LMC representatives to fair tax presentations at meetings of five central labor councils across the state through mid-June. A sixth presentation has been confirmed, although the date has yet to be set.

. The Massachusetts AFL-CIO president advised that he is working to develop a consensus among key labor leaders in the state on the tax issue. He has indicated that until that consensus is reached, the cigarette excise tax issue should not be addressed directly.

It is important to note that he said that it is his goal to reach a consensus of opposition to the cigarette ballot initiative, and to have the AFL-CIO recommend a negative vote on that measure in any sample ballot mailings. During last week's conference, the state fed president also met with Paul Pazella from the industry's initiative team and advised him of his program -- and his timetable.

cc: Kurt Malmgren  
Bob McAdam

Karen

Why not try to split in half?  
Cal has more \$ for that presentation  
than you have for IAP-

(Frankly, if I'd known about  
this pre-Littaburg this would  
have been the price)

OMS  
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