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Dear Colleague:

In the late 1970s and early 1980s the brave men and women who protect all of us from fires demanded that Congress fund research into making cigarettes more fire safe.

In 1984, the Congress passed the "Cigarette Safety Act," which in turn set in motion a federal study directed by the Consumer Product Safety Commission, Department of Health and Human Services and the United States Fire Administration. The study was conducted by what was then the National Bureau of Standards.

The research recommendations were unanimously accepted by the many firefighter, consumer, health and industry groups involved and concerned with this project.

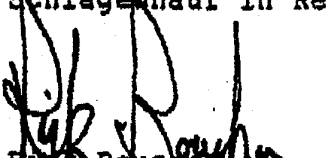
Earlier this year we introduced legislation (HR 673) to implement the recommendations of the federal panel. We have been extremely gratified by the response. Firefighter groups from California to Connecticut, from Oregon to New York, from Texas to Pennsylvania, have endorsed our bill. In addition many firefighter union leaders, volunteers, state fire marshals, training officers and public health educators have written to state their support of HR 673. A list of the endorsing organizations is included on the back of this page.

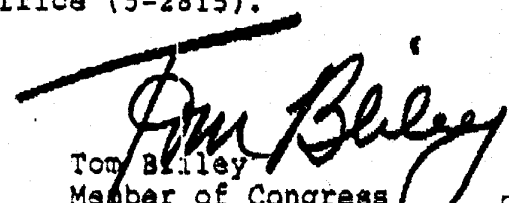
More than 40 of our colleagues have joined us as cosponsors. We are especially proud of the cosponsorship of Curt Weldon (R-PA), founder and chairman of the Congressional Fire Caucus, which itself enjoys the support of more than 300 members of the Congress and firefighter groups nationwide.

Recently Senators Breaux (D-LA), Sanford (D-NC) McCain (R-AZ) and Lott (R-MS) introduced a companion to HR 673 in the Senate, S. 732.

We ask that you join the firefighters of your community by cosponsoring and passing HR 673 and complete the process we started together. If you wish to cosponsor this measure please contact Larry Clinton in Rep. Boucher's office (5-3861), or Jeff Schlagelhauf in Rep. Bliley's office (5-2815).

Sincerely,


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