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The Honorable Rick Boucher  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Boucher:

The International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters has reviewed the legislation that you have introduced, H.R. 673 along with other legislative issuances relative to the fire-safe cigarette and we fully support H.R. 673. Your bill would certainly lend itself to effectively implementing the recommendations of the Interagency Committee and Technical Study Group on Cigarette and Little Cigar Fire Safety in the most reasonable and achievable manner.

The Association endorses Bill 673 and stands ready to support you and other members of Congress who show a strong interest in this area to help improve our nation's fire and burn safety record. The Black community is often at a higher risk and is most commonly victimized by fires in this area of concern. This is why we applaud you in taking the proper and correct approach to mitigating this fire problem area.

Thank you so very much for your visionary leadership in this area of need.

Sincerely,

  
Romeo O. Spaulding

cc: Karen Fernicola, Tobacco Institute  
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