

THIRD-PARTY POLITICAL CONTACTS

ORGANIZED LABOR

Completed Activities

- Prior to President Clinton's announcement of the proposed FDA regulations, LMC representatives worked with White House staff, Democratic party officials, House Democratic leaders and key Members of Congress to ask that they share opposition to the FDA proposal with the Administration. LMC representatives met or spoke with:

- Dan Fowler and Chris Dodd, Co-Chairs of the DNC
- House Democrat and Republican leadership
- Members of the Congressional Black Caucus
- President Frank Hurt, BC&T
- Officials of the National AFL-CIO

- LMC encouraged the National AFL-CIO to indicate its labor concerns to the Administration. At BC&T President Frank Hurt's request, then AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Tom Donohue contacted White House Deputy Chief of Staff Harold Ickes on three separate occasions. At the AFL-CIO convention in New York City, Hurt spoke personally with President Clinton on the FDA.

- Letters opposing the proposed FDA regulations were sent to President Clinton from the Presidents of:

- The Bakery, Confectionery & Tobacco Workers International Union
- Tennessee AFL-CIO
- Kentucky AFL-CIO
- Ohio AFL-CIO
- Virginia AFL-CIO
- Minnesota AFL-CIO
- Florida AFL-CIO
- Georgia State A. Philip Randolph Institute
- Wisconsin State Council of Senior Citizens
- Ohio State Building and Construction Trades Council
- Ohio Valley Council of Sheet Metal Workers
- BC&T local Allen Park, Michigan
- BC&T local Macon, Georgia
- BC&T local Louisville, Kentucky
- Transportation Communications International Union, Michigan

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- Letters opposing the proposed FDA regulations were sent to Harold Ickes from the Presidents of:

- North Carolina AFL-CIO
- Sheet Metal Workers' International Association
- The International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers

- LMC representatives met with over 50 House Members concerning the "Commitment to Our Children" pledge. LMC representatives also met with 18 senators on the issue of the proposed FDA regulations. Eighty more Members of Congress are targeted for meetings in January 1996 back in their home districts.

- BC&T International and affiliates in all tobacco states have contacted their Congressional representatives to express opposition to the pledge, "A Commitment to Our Children."

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