## WISCONSIN STATE FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

Of Wisconsin

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March 13, 1989

Honorable Frederick Boucher Member of the U.S. House of Representatives 428 Cannon House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Boucher:

The Wisconsin State Firefighter's Association, representing more than 9500 volunteer firefighters statewide, wishes to express its unqualified support for H.R.673, legislation you have sponsored to implement the recommendations of a federal panel charged with identifying ways of making cigarettes more fire safe.

We shall encourage all Members of the Wisconsin Congressional delegation to support your bill as well as its companion in the Senate.

Other legislation -- notably H.R.293 and S.17 -- ignores the panel's scientific work and recommendations and therefore does not, in our view, deal with this matter in a serious enough fashion.

Finding ways to make a fire safe digarette is an extremely important task. It is conducted best at the federal level where the necessary expertise and resources exist. We urge you and all of Congress to allow this work to proceed at once.

Sincerely,

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LARRY PLUMER, President

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cc: Wisconsin Congressional Delegation

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