

CURRENT RELATIONS

Labor

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MINNESOTA TOBACCO LITIGATION**

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CURRENT RELATIONS

Organization: Bakery, Confectionery & Tobacco Workers Int'l Union

Address: 10401 Connecticut Avenue
Kensington, MD 20895
301-933-8600

Individual Contact/s:

John DeConcini - Int'l President
Rene Rondou - Secretary-Treasurer
Carolyn Jacobsen - Director of Public Relations
Ray Scannell - Asst. Director of Public Relations

Nature of Relationship:

Industry contact for over a decade; also O&M professional and personal contact.

Positive Actions:

Essential to formation and ongoing operation of Tobacco Industry Labor Management Committee; sponsored initial Committee seminar, held at Madison Hotel. Provides regular intelligence on opinions and positions of organized labor.

Wrote a letter to Congress opposing excise tax increases and the earmarking of the cigarette excise for the Medicare Trust Fund.

Prepared statement opposing earmarking the cigarette excise for indigent care for the National Conference of State Legislators.

Wrote letter to Congressman Rose opposing earmarking of the cigarette excise for tobacco price supports.

(Also assisting with public smoking legislation.)

Any Negatives:

Would not agree to fight for maintenance of the federal sunset on the cigarette excise. Behind the scenes, however, have agreed to provide names and contacts for O&M representatives to work with on this project.

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CURRENT RELATIONS

Organization: Food & Allied Service Trades of the AFL-CIO

Address: 815-16th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006
637-5239

Individual Contact/s:

Jay Harvey, Director of Legislation
Dan O'Grady, Assistant Director of Legislation

Nature of Relationship:

FAST participates in industry issues at the request of BC&T.

Positive Actions:

Helpful in establishing and operating Tobacco Industry Labor Management Committee. Hosted initial Committee seminar, held at Madison Hotel.

Provides regular intelligence on opinions and positions of organized labor.

Delivered testimony opposing the earmarking of the cigarette excise for Medicare funding to the Health Subcommittee of the House Ways & Means Committee.

Helped prepare letter-writing brochure on excise taxes to be used in letter-writing campaigns to newspaper editors and Members of Congress in opposition to increased excises. Distributing at annual convention.

(Also assisting with public smoking legislation.)

Any Negatives:

FAST must listen to requests from all its member unions; this sometimes means denying BC&T its requests because of other unions' demands.

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CURRENT RELATIONS

Organization: Service Employees International Union

Address: 1313 L Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005
898-3200

Individual Contact/s:

Dean Tipps, Public Sector Division Director
Marcia McGill, Assistant to the President for Policy
and Research

Nature of Relationship:

Professional and personal contact of Jim Savarese.

Positive Actions:

Approved Citizens for Tax Justice's relationship with the industry.

Submitted testimony opposing the extension of the 16¢ cigarette excise to the House Ways & Means Committee.

Participated in economic news service organized by the Committee on Taxation and Economic Growth.

Provides regular intelligence on positions and opinions of organized labor.

Any Negatives:

SEIU represents a diverse membership which cannot support the industry on all issues, all the time. They have other legislative priorities and commitments to consider.

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