

October 6, 1993

MEMORANDUM

TO: Bob McAdam
Bob Lewis

FROM: Susan Stuntz *smf*

Attached is another resolution opposing tobacco taxes for federal health care reform, this one from the Florida Machinists who represent the space workers at Cape Canaveral.

Attachment

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MISSILE AND ELECTRONIC DISTRICT LODGE 166
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MACHINISTS
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AFL-CIO

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Resolution Opposing Tobacco Taxes For Health Care Reform
International Association Of Machinists and Aerospace
Workers District Lodge 166

Whereas: According to a comprehensive study of compensation and employment in the tobacco industry prepared by the Price-Waterhouse accounting firm, a two dollar a pack increase in the Federal cigarette tax will mean the loss of 31, 273 thousand jobs and more than \$805,909,038 in payroll in the State of Florida; and

Whereas: The Executive Council of the AFL-CIO has long been on record in opposition to raising excise taxes on cigarette as regressive and unfair and in support of progressive financing for health care reform; and

Whereas: Excise taxes, particularly excise on tobacco, are among the most unfair taxes paid by Americans. According to the tax policy organization, Citizens For Tax Justice, doubling the 24 cent per pack federal tax on cigarettes would take a 72 times greater share of a family of four's income in the lowest 20% than it would a family in the richest one percent; and

Whereas: Excise taxes are an unstable and unreliable source of revenue for health care reform.

Therefore be it resolved that:

The Missile and Electronic District Lodge 166 will oppose efforts to increase the Federal cigarette tax for health care reform.

Be it further resolved that:

The District Lodge 166 will work with the National AFL-CIO to build support for a national health care program that is financed in a fair and equitable manner based on ability to pay.

Passed September 16, 1994