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

Dear Mr. Boucher:

The International Association of Fire Fighters would like to
congratulate you on your recent introduction of H.R.   4497 which
would implement the recommendations of the Interagency Committee and
the Technical Study Group on Cigarette and Little Cigar Fire Safety.

Our International Union has for several years endorsed legislation
which would help to reduce the number of fire deaths and injuries in
the United States caused in part as a result of the misuse of
smoking materials. In particular, the IAFF supports the effort
mandated under the Cigarette Safety Act of 1984 creating the study
group which was to determine the feasibility of developing a fire
safe cigarette and a test method leading to regulation in this area.
We commend the work of the Technical Study Group and the National
Bureau of Standards and have urged it to move forward as quickly as
possible. We are gratified to see that your legislation would
require this recommendation to be a legislative mandate.

The IAFF stands ready to support you and other members of Congress
who have shown a strong interest in this area to help improve our
nation's Fire Safety record.

Sincerely,

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he'd better take his own PR 101
course!

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the same.

Roger
In case you hear about "family
communications" . — ̄ BC.

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Look on the bright side —
its more than we
had before.

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