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The Honorable Robert Packwood
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Packwood:

The American G.I. Forum is opposed to your proposed tax plan; specifically we take exception to your efforts to eliminate the exemptions on excise taxes and/or effectively raise excise taxes on gasoline, tobacco, alcoholic beverages and other products.

The American G.I. Forum represents approximately 4,000 Hispanic Veterans throughout the state. The G.I. Forum has chapters in every major city in California and throughout the southwest.

We represent typical low and moderate income Americans; proud of our country and of our distinguished service as Hispanics in World War II, Korea, and Viet Nam. We do however, resent being singled out because many of us do enjoy tobacco and alcoholic beverages, something we became accustomed to while in the service, but also because of the price of these products and gasoline effects how much money we spend on other products or our families.

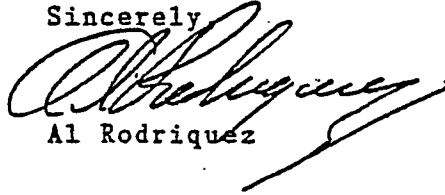
In addition, many of us own and operate small businesses in which we would have no choice but to increase the price to the consumers of alcohol, tobacco, gasoline and other products.

Most importantly however, we feel your proposal disproportionately and adversely imposes on the well being of Hispanic communities; isolated and low income to moderate income communities that we are. It seems you have inadvertently singled us out to carry the tax deficit burden and we resent it!!

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We urge you to reconsider. We will continue to oppose your current plan and future legislative efforts which we feel unfairly places the burden of taxes or tax reform on the backs of or in the pockets of Hispanic citizens.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Al Rodriguez", written in black ink.

Al Rodriguez

cc: Honorable Alan Cranston
Honorable Pete Wilson