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The Honorable Sherrod Brown U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Brown:

On behalf of Bakery, Confectionery and Tobacco Workers Local No. 19. which represents more than 4,400 members, including nearly 1,000 in northeast Ohio, I am writing to express this Union's deep opposition to H.R. 3434, the Smoke Free Environment Act of 1993.

This extreme Legislation is a direct assault on the jobs of our Brothers and Sisters employed in the tobacco industry. Enactment of H.R. 3434 would wipe out thousands of union jobs in the tobacco and supplier industries.

We are also opposed for the reasons outlined by the national AFL-CIO in a letter recently sent to you and other members of the Energy and Commerce Committee. Indoor air quality in the workplace is an important health and safety issue. A comprehensive approach to the issue by OSHA is the best way to address the problem.

We urge you to support the AFL-CIO position and vote against H.R. 3434. Thank you for your consideration.

Barbara Walden, President

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