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Chairperson Linda Barglund
Members of the Committee of Health and Human Services
G 9, State Capitol
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Members of the Health and Human Services Committee:

Our DRIVE Representative, Wes Lane, sits on the National Labor Clean Air Act Committee with the Teamsters, Carpenters, Sheet Metal, Food and Beverage, Painting Industries. They have always been concerned about the Clean Air Act. This is to notify you that the Teamsters were the first union in the State of Minnesota to support the clean air legislation. We have always cared about not only our members, but also clean air rights in the working place.

I thought I would inform you that November 30, 1990, the United States Court of Appeals overruled the Department of Human Services in Washington, D.C. and Department of Human Services in Kansas City, Missouri. This decision states that as long as the U.S. Government has not passed a law that there shall be no smoking in the United States, working men and women have a right to bargain for the ones that do smoke, that there be a set aside area. Even if it costs money to see that it is ventilated properly, it shall be done.

Under your bill in the State of Minnesota, you were trying to go back to the two-class citizen idea: one is pure and clean and the other is dirty. It is unconstitutional. We resent the fact that those who we screened for endorsement before us agreed that if there were any anti-labor legislation, you would automatically contact our representative. This is another form of forgetfulness on your part, because nobody has approached any Teamster member, whether in the workplace or trucking industry. I think you should get back to the agreement you made with those who supported you.

Sincerely,

Harold J. Yates

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