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MEMORANDUM

March 29, 1993

TO: National Tobacco Council Directors

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Here is this week's federal update.

- * On March 25 the Senate passed, by a 54-45 vote, the Budget Resolution authorizing the President's five-year economic plan. Senator Harkin did not offer his amendment limiting the deductibility of tobacco advertising.
- * Due to the unavailability of key witnesses, the Rose hearings on the EPA risk assessment will not be held until after the spring recess (April 5-13). Congressman Traficant's second round of hearings on H.R. 881 remains scheduled for April 15.
- * A list of the members of the Congressional Task Force on Tobacco and Health for the 103rd Congress is enclosed. There are 42 members, compared with 45 in the 102nd Congress. Eight of last year's members were defeated, retired or died. The four new members are Traficant (D-OH), Harman (D-CA), Huffington (R-CA) and Meehan (D-MA). The latter three are the only freshmen members (so far), less than 3 percent of the freshman class.
- * During hearings on the President's economic program before the Commodities Subcommittee of the House Committee on Agriculture on March 23, Ray Chancey of the American Agriculture Movement (AAM) raised the AAM study on "Excise Taxes and the Rural Taxpayer" and emphasized that excise taxes "are regressive and are an unfair tax on rural American's in general."

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MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESSIONAL TASK FORCE ON TOBACCO AND HEALTH
March 9, 1993

Andrews, Michael (D-TX)
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Conyers, John, Jr. (D-MI)
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Fawell, Harris (R-IL)
Frank, Barney (D-MA)
Gilman, Benjamin (R-NY)
Glickman, Dan (D-KS)
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Hansen, James (R-UT) (Co-Chair)
Harman, Jane (D-CA)
Huffington, Michael (R-CA)
✓ Johnston, Harry (D-FL)
LaFalce, John (D-NY)
Levin, Sander (D-MI)
Lewis, John (D-CA)
Lipinski, William (D-IL)
Machtley, Ronald (R-RI)
Markey, Edward (D-MA)
McDermott, Jim (D-WA)
Meehan Martin (D-MA)
✓ Mfume, Kweisi (D-MD)
Neal, Richard (D-MA)
Oberstar, James (-MN)
Packard, Ron (R-CA)
Penny, Timothy (D-MN)
Petri, Thomas (R-WI)
✓ Ravel, Arthur, Jr. (R-SC)
Sangmeister, George (D-IL)
✓ Sharp, Philip (D-IN)
Slattery, Jim (D-KS)
Stark, Fortney Pete (D-CA)
Synar, Mike (D-OK)
Torricelli, Robert (D-NJ)
✓ Traficant, James, Jr. (D-OH)
✓ Visclosky, Peter (D-IN)
Waxman, Henry (D-CA)
✓ Wheat, Alan (D-MO)
Wyden, Ron (D-OR)
✓ Young, C.W. Bill (R-FL)