

## Smokers' Tax Representation League

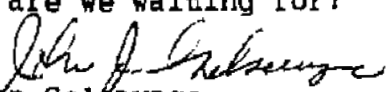
Smoking is non-ethnic and cuts across educational, regional, economic, social and sexual lines. Smokers are about as representative a group of Americans as can be found, and the group as a whole can legally and constitutionally dictate the use of the funds collected as tobacco excise taxes.

Once incorporated into State and National smokers' unions and leagues, it would command in excess of 50 billion dollars a year in government held funds to spend as it sees fit. Predictably, such smokers' tax representation lobbies would sponsor spending efforts far wiser and beneficial for America than any competing groups, most of whom are addicted to spending other peoples' money.

The principle of "no taxation without representation" can force State and Federal Governments quickly to set aside an amount for initial funding of tobacco tax representation groups, as well as for securing their means and methods of doing business. The tobacco industry could include instructive literature and applications for membership in the product cartons it sells.

The writer thinks that smokers have better and more objective political and social judgement than non-smokers, so much so that, if we organized into a smokers' league with political and economic clout, we could restore much sanity in this country.

And the local and national governments are already collecting dues for us and plan to collect more. So what are we waiting for?

  
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because I got fired last  
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