

August 26, 1977

Mr. John D. Kelly
Executive Director
California Association of Tobacco
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1224 Sheridan Road
Concord, California 94520

Dear Jack:

Don't know if you can use the attached, or if you need to, but it occurred to me that a commitment from the California AFL-CIO would translate into a lot of votes. Should the union leadership in California need to get the blessings of their National headquarters, you might suggest that they write or call the following:

Rene Rondou, President
Tobacco Workers International
AFL-CIO, CLC
1522 K St., N. W.
Suite 616
Washington, D. C. 20005

Telephone: 202-659-1366

For goodness sakes, don't mention Reynolds Tobacco Company! We're the only cigarette manufacturer that is not unionized. Should anyone bring this issue up, you can tell them that R. J. Reynolds Industries has contracts with some 26 different unions throughout the U. S. In this regard, you have, I believe, established contact with the Maritime Unions. Should you run into trouble there, let me know.

Hope you survive the move this week end.

All the best.

Cordially,

J. S. Dowdell

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Enclosure-Resolution No. 4
TOBACCO TAXES AND ANTI-SMOKING LEGISLATION
Submitted by Exec. Board, Virginia State AFL-CIO

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