

February 12, 1993

MEMORANDUM

TO: Karen Fernicola Suhr

FROM: James Savarese

TOBACCO INSTITUTE JANUARY ACTIVITY REPORT

TAXES AND HEALTH CARE

■ **Public Affairs Activities**

- * agency attended Citizen Action health care conference on Capitol Hill and forwarded follow-up memo, materials and attendance list to client.
- * agency held discussions with Citizen Action regarding district contact list and Citizen Action contacts with specific Members of Congress.
- * agency met with client to discuss American Agriculture Movement (AAM) fair tax study and promotional plan.
- * agency met with David Senter & Associates to develop work plan for 1993.
- * agency met with Economic Policy Institute (EPI) to discuss their presentation at the Citizen Action health care conference and status of health care financing study.
- * agency held discussions with Citizens for Tax Justice (CTJ) staff regarding their position on revenue options to reduce the deficit.
- * agency participated in monthly federal and state excise tax meeting per client request.
- * agency met with client to discuss Consumer Tax Alliance activities.
- * agency met with Families U.S.A. to discuss health and financing issues and Clinton Administration health care program.

- * agency met with National Consumers League (NCL) executive director regarding NCL plans and priorities for 1993.
- * agency held discussion with Coalition on Human Needs (CHN) regarding group's request for LMC assistance in upcoming budget briefing.
- * agency held discussions with client regarding "Social Cost" promotional plan and possible target states for media tours.
- * agency met with Savarese & Associates to discuss publication of SAMMEC II study as a George Mason University working paper.

■ Grassroots Activities

- * agency arranged an invitation for Citizen Action staff to speak at upcoming meeting of New York State Council of Senior Citizens.
- * agency held discussions with Strategy Group regarding federal and state excise tax issues and activities of LMC state allies.

■ Special Activities - Home District Outreach Program

- * agency began development of district contact list and labor coalition group list; agency developed a chart showing relationship between support groups and Members of Congress; agency identified potential contacts for Ways and Means Committee retreat.
- * agency held discussion with TILMC allies regarding input for district contact list and participation in 1993 deficit reduction debate.
- * agency met with client to discuss short term Home District Contact list priorities and potential LMC allies to contact Members of Congress.
- * agency created chart showing election victory margin for current Members of Congress in the 1990 and 1992 elections, and the percentage shift in 1992, for use in the Home District Outreach Program and by the Consumer Tax Alliance.

- * agency prepared summary of comments from Open Seats candidates who were identified for extended education and forwarded to client.

PUBLIC SMOKING

■ Public Affairs Activities

- * agency sent final copies of National Energy Management Institute (NEMI) portfolio, stationery and energy management and financial/warranty brochures to NEMI.
- * agency began drafting stories for the Spring 1993 NEMI News.
- * agency amended figures for the 1993 NEMI grant and sent to client.
- * agency and NEMI began preparation for preliminary inspections of Communication Workers of America office facility and Allentown, PA municipal facility.
- * agency worked with NEMI to draft response to Building Owners and Managers Association International support for smoking ban.
- * agency continued to work with NEMI to finalize productivity study and list of contractors available for project.
- * agency worked with NEMI to update progress on Environmental Safety Council's model IAQ bill.
- * agency responded to California Department of Health services guidelines regarding exposure to volatile organic compounds, per client request.
- * per client request, agency investigated proposed workplace regulations promulgated by Kansas Employment Security Advisory Council.
- * agency continued discussion with client concerning industry referral of IAQ questions to NEMI.
- * agency worked with NEMI to get information regarding ASHRAE Standard 62 subcommittee meeting.
- * per client request, agency followed up on proposed smoking ban at Maryland Westinghouse Electronic Systems.

- * per client request, agency arranged media training for Institute staff with Sheehan & Associates.
- * agency completed monitoring media coverage from five American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) press conferences releasing IAQ survey results; agency handled requests for copies of survey.
- * agency and NEMI continued to monitor IAQ problems in Chemical Workers Union office facility.
- * at request of labor union, agency investigated proposed smoking ban in conjunction with collective bargaining agreement of United Garment Workers in Tennessee.

■ Grassroots Activities

- * agency continued working with LMC consultant concerning proposed Washington state OSHA IAQ standard.
- * agency drafted material in conjunction with Kentucky OSHA subcommittee on IAQ and sent to Kentucky Department of Labor.

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