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Mr. Michael Riley
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Dear Mr. Riley,

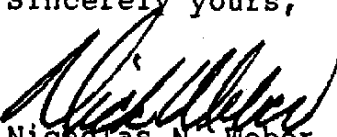
I am writing you with a request that the Teamsters Joint Council 42 take a position against Proposition 99, which will be on the November ballot. This proposition will raise cigarette taxes by \$0.25 per pack in order to provide health care to the indigent.

This tax provision is just another way to coerce people to quit smoking, which will affect our company's business plus Teamster jobs. As you may know, in San Diego and in Los Angeles we are prime cigarette warehouses and distributors, probably providing as many as 25 jobs for that industry alone. If we continue to raise the price of cigarettes it will obviously have a negative affect on sales which will have a negative affect for us and our employees.

In addition to the above I am getting tired of everyone picking on the so-called "sin taxes" to take care of everybody's needs. I personally do not smoke but I certainly do not have a problem with anybody else smoking and I think this Proposition 99 proposal has gone too far.

I would appreciate hearing from you as to the Union's position on Proposition 99. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,


Nicholas N. Weber
President

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