

January 15, 1993

MEMORANDUM

TO: Karen Fernicola Suhr

FROM: James Savarese

TOBACCO INSTITUTE DECEMBER ACTIVITY REPORT

TAXES

■ **Public Affairs Activities**

- * agency met with Citizen Action staff to discuss Economic Policy Institute (EPI) participation in January health care conference, health care financing issues and 1993 priorities.
- * agency held discussion with EPI staff regarding their participation in the Citizen Action health care conference.
- * agency participated in monthly federal and state excise tax meeting per client request; agency provided follow-up summary of key points to client, per request.
- * agency gave presentation at Citizens for Tax Justice (CTJ) tax conference on organizational strategies to reach the news media; agency forwarded follow-up memo to client.
- * agency held discussions with American Association of Retired Persons legislative staff regarding their health care priorities for 1993.
- * agency met with AFL-CIO legislative representative to discuss labor's priorities for 1993.
- * agency met with health care transition team staff to discuss Clinton health care proposal.
- * agency obtained and reviewed Progressive Policy Institute document "Mandate for Change" and forwarded to client.

- * agency met with David Senter & Associates to discuss American Agriculture Movement (AAM) activities in 1993, including rural excise tax study.
- * agency held discussions with National Consumers League (NCL) executive director regarding NCL plans and priorities for 1993.

- Special Activities - Taxes
 - * agency met with TILMC counsel and client for final review and approval of National Council of Senior Citizens (NCSC) video script; based on meeting, additional changes were made and the script was sent to client attorneys for review.

- Grassroots Activities
 - * agency discussed state organizing priorities on health and tax issues with representatives of Citizen Action and NCSC.
 - * per client request, agency held discussions with Arkansas Fairness Council regarding proposed excise tax increase.

- Special Activities - Open Seats
 - * agency made preliminary calls to LMC consultants and labor coalition groups including A. Philip Randolph Institute (APRI), Citizen Action, CTJ, Coalition on Human Needs (CHN), Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA) and Leadership for a New Century (LNC) to coordinate post-election phase of the open seats program, and continued discussions regarding issue forums.
 - * agency met with client to further discuss post-election open seats efforts.
 - * agency prepared summary of comments from open seats candidates who were targeted for extended education and forwarded to client.
 - * agency held discussion with CHN regarding group's request for LMC assistance in upcoming budget briefing.

PUBLIC SMOKING

■ Public Affairs Activities

- * agency made final corrections to National Energy Management Institute (NEMI) portfolio, stationery and energy management and financial/warranty brochures and sent them to printer.
- * agency made final edits to Fall 1992 NEMINews blueline and forwarded to printer.
- * agency met with NEMI representatives to discuss story ideas for the Spring 1993 NEMINews.
- * agency held preliminary discussion with client regarding amending figures for the 1993 NEMI grant.
- * agency continued monitoring indoor air quality (IAQ) activity in Kent County sheriff's office in Michigan.
- * agency and NEMI began preparation for preliminary inspections of Communication Workers of America office facility and Allentown, PA municipal facility.
- * agency and NEMI continued to monitor IAQ problems in Florida jail facility and Chemical Workers Union office facility.
- * agency held discussion with client concerning industry referral of IAQ questions to NEMI.
- * agency began drafting material in conjunction with Kentucky OSHA subcommittee on IAQ.

■ Special Activities

- * agency representatives prepared American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) and NEMI participants for five AFGE press conferences releasing IAQ survey results; agency coordinated logistics and contacted media in Washington, D.C., Baltimore, San Francisco, Philadelphia and Chicago in preparation for press conferences.

■ Grassroots Activities

- * agency continued working with LMC consultant concerning proposed Washington state OSHA IAQ standard.

HEALTH CARE

■ Public Affairs Activities

- * agency forwarded final draft of SAMMEC II critique to client; agency held discussion with Savarese & Associates regarding printing of critique as George Mason University working paper.
- * agency held discussions with client regarding OA&R promotional plan and possible target states for media tours.

cc: Susan Stuntz