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Governor Mark Sanford  
 Attn: Ben Fox

Dear Governor Sanford,

This letter is to ask your consideration in vetoing the latest cigarette tax increase, recently passed by the General Assembly. As you are no doubt aware, many of these legislators, like yourself, have signed our "No New Tax Pledge" when they ran for office.

Because this cigarette tax increase does not also contain an equal tax cut, it is a clear violation of our pledge, and to the constituents who may have relied on our pledge when selecting these men and women for office.

As you have stated in the past, a more pledge neutral way to increase the cigarette tax, would be to find additional cuts in other taxes. That is a more reasonable and responsible way to be true to the pledge.

We know you will do the right thing! Thank you for your leadership and the press conference you held in Aiken on this matter and thank you again for your service these past eight years on behalf of S.C. taxpayers.

Sincerely,

Don Weaver, President  
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