A.H. Gufler to Representatives E.H. Rees and L.R. Cowden

A.H. Gufler, vice president of The Theo. Poehler Mercantile, writes to state representatives encouraging legalization of cigarettes in Kansas. The new cigarette law, H.B. 1 under consideration, was signed into law by Governor Paulen in 1927.

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The attached Carbon Copy is for your information.
A. H. GUFLER.

Emporia, Kansas. Mar. 3, 1927. (Thursday)

Please note

Mr. E. H. Rees,
Mr. L. R. Cowden,

c/o House of Representatives,
Topeka, Kansas.

Gentlemen:

Pardon the writer for again writing you with regard to the cigaret bill. I notice that several amendments were passed in the Senate and that the bill has come to the house for approval.

While I do not know how you feel about it personally, we are willing to stake our judgment on the wisdom of these amendments, passed in the Senate, and passage of which was recommended by Governor Paulen when he signed the bill. We think they will make of the bill a more desirable and enforceable law, than as it left the house, which, of course, was the best that could be done at the time.

If the sale of cigarets is going to be legalized, why not have the law in such shape that it can be given a fairer test. We care nothing about the sale of cigarets and would never have suggested the repeal of the old prohibition law if it had not become an absolute joke through almost open bootlegging.

However, the new bill should be put in such shape that no one can say it did not receive a fair test and we believe the amendments passed in the Senate will help do this by strengthening its enforceability.

As stated, we hope that you can see your way clear to favor these amendments and do your level best to get same through the house before adjournment.

Yours optimistically,

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