

Honorable, John Kelly
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October 25, 2013

Congresswoman Judy Chu
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Dear Congresswoman Chu:

On July 9, 2013 the California Board of Equalization sent your office a request to revise the disgraced Anthony Weiner's sponsored "Pact Act" of 2010, a copy of which is enclosed.

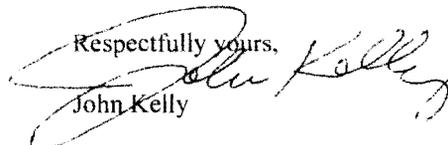
The Preamble of the PACT ACT states that among the purposes of the Act are "to prevent tobacco smuggling, to ensure the collection of all tobacco taxes" Unfortunately on page two of the PACT ACT an exception is made for cigars which as you must know can cause serious medical problems along with cigarettes and chewing tobacco.

This exception permits the European cigar giant, Altadis USA to sell cigars in vast quantities by way of mail order without compliance with local and state excise, sales and other taxes. One of the purposes of these taxes is to cut down tobacco use and provide needed revenue to counter the ill effects of all kinds of tobacco. These purposes are not achieved by encouraging higher consumption because of the 50% or lower prices of internet cigars while not one nickel is going to California or the other 49 states which as you well know need the revenue.

I emphasize this last point because you were a member of the California State Board of Equalization and know first hand from eight years of experience on the Board the extensive tax revenue losses from untaxed and unreported sales.

As an influential and respected member of Congress you can take the initiative to get rid of the exemption for internet sales of cigars. Why should the affluent who can afford to buy boxes of 25 or more cigars be able to purchase these cigars over the internet and not pay the excise and sales taxes that customers must pay at retail stores in California?. We need a level playing field for all smokers, rich and poor alike If you will not sponsor this legislation, please tell me why you voted for it.

Respectfully yours,


John Kelly

Cc: L. A. Times, Orange County Register, San Diego Union, Wall St Journal

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April 18, 2014

Mr. John Kelly
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Dear Mr. Kelly,

Thank you for contacting me. I welcome the chance to respond to your message.

I value hearing concerns and opinions of my constituents. Over and over, I have heard one clear message: Fix our economy, and get Americans back to work. That's why my top priority in Congress is creating jobs.

As a member of the Small Business Committee, I am one of California's leading advocates for small businesses in Washington. Small Businesses create 2 out of 3 new jobs. And all businesses need access to capital to buy equipment, invest in research and development, and expend. But the economic downturn tightened an already underserved market in lending for small businesses. That's why I strongly supported the establishment of the Small Business Lending Fund, a federal fund of \$30 billion that has helped over 300 community banks across the country increase lending to small businesses.

We can also create jobs by rebuilding our crumbling roads and bridges. That's why I voted for a Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act. This landmark transportation bill will save or create 2 million jobs by investing billions of dollars into our nation's transportation infrastructure. It ensures the government can continue to help building local transportation projects like the Gold Line Foothill Extension. I am fighting for funding to complete this project to connect Pasadena to Azusa through Claremont – ending at the Ontario Airport.

But I also believe we can do more right in the San Gabriel Valley to help those out of work. That's why I have held several Job Hunter's Bootcamps to help my constituents get back into the workforce. My Bootcamps include workshops on resume writing, starting new businesses, and help for jobless veterans. If you or someone you know would like to attend my next Bootcamp, please sign up for e-mail updates at chu.house.gov/signup to learn more about how I am working for you.

I am honored to serve you, so please never hesitate to call or write in the future.

In Friendship,

Judy Chu, PhD
Member of Congress



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November 7, 2013

Mr. John Kelly
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Dear Mr. Kelly:

Thank you for contacting me to express your support of the PACT Act of 2010. I appreciate hearing from you on this matter.

As you know, the PACT Act of 2010 did not become a law. This bill was reintroduced in the Senate by Senator Robert Casey [D-PA] as S.644 PACT Act. As you know this bill will prohibit the sale or offering for sale of a drug containing dextromethorphan, and not subject to practitioner supervision requirements, to an individual under age 18. Because of these uncertainties, I cannot make a firm commitment for or against S.644 at this time, but please be assured that I will keep your thoughts in mind if and when this vote occurs.

You may follow the process of this bill or any other federal measure by logging onto the House of Representatives webpage at www.house.gov, clicking on the appropriate links under the legislative information column and following the corresponding instructions.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me. Having the benefit of your views is important, and I appreciate you sharing them with me.

I remain respectfully,

JOHN CAMPBELL
Member of Congress