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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I want to thank everyone for the great attendance we had at this meeting. Even without the new quorum changes we would have had the needed number. There were no agenda items placed so we started with a Chapter report from all Chapters.

I then gave a report on the PFFA and the new developments with the initiative Prop 13. The rumor was that the prop 13 people were going to drop 1.3 million on getting the petition signed by paid petitioners. The leadership in the PFFA is following closely in an attempt to respond with a game plan if this was to happen. PFFA President Tim Hill; Mike Colletto, the union political advisor; and T.J. Mackay, the fire district liaison came to Station 53 on the 22nd to meet with the Fire District Chiefs in the area to answer questions on what has developed and strategies. I feel this put some fear to rest and was extremely educational. One of the strategies discussed was the importance of our members help in supporting the PFFA endorsed candidate Tom O' Halleran for Senate seat in District 1.

I have been asked many times what can we do as a union to affect these tax issues, well this is it. It was emphasized to everyone that Tom O' Halleran is the key to our success in the legislature. Without him we would be the one vote short to block these devastating tax initiatives. We need to support the politicians who support us and public safety. These are truly the people who can protect our livelihood and our families. Our union was built on making these connections with politicians and supporting them when they need it so they will fight for us when we need them.

The union has only asked three things from its members:

1. Be the best at your profession.
2. Be involved with your community and charities.
3. And be politically active locally and nationally.

It was also discussed on proactive community education on these issues. Once again it was advised that until we need to we won't bring attention unnecessarily to these initiatives but we can spread the word to friends and families of the devastating effects on our revenues. We may be asked to create flyers and stand with the petition collectors for education of the public. Hopefully this will not come to a full blown media event which will be very costly and hard to win. Please attend your Chapter meeting and become informed on current strategies. I have been in constant contact with our PFFA and the Chapter VP's to prepare for these challenges and have a game plan that they will advise their members on. Please check out the Charity section on the site for upcoming events. Thanks to all for your support and with your help the future looks promising.

Fraternally,
Tom Haney