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SUBJECT: Tort reform budgets

Here is an outline of proposed tort reform-related expenditures in my region for 1994.

ALASKA: no additional expenditures foreseen. Bill Ray will handle protective orders as part of his USA contract.

CALIFORNIA: We have few allies to help us protect our "comment i" (SB241) protections. They are: the CA Chamber of Commerce, the CA Manufacturers Assn. (we have a Board seat), Assn. for CA Tort Reform (we have a Board seat), and Californians for Fair Liability Laws (we have a Board seat). Envisioned expenditures fall into three categories: tort-related business organization dues, PAC contributions and lobbying expenditures.

- a) tort-related business organization dues: Chamber - \$50K
CMA - \$50K
ACTR - 50K
CFLL - \$5,000

TOTAL: \$155,000

- b) PAC contributions: JOBS-PAC (joint effort of Chamber and CMA) - \$20K
ACTR-PAC - \$7,500

TOTAL: \$27,500

- c) lobbying expenditures: Carpenter Snodgrass - \$240K
Nielsen Merksamer - \$60K

[Carpenter Snodgrass handles any legislative issue related to protecting comment i; Nielsen Merksamer handles tort reform and protective orders outside of the legislative arena; eg: ally building and in the judiciary.]

TOTAL: \$300,000

TOTAL CA: \$482,500

In addition, APCO has been setting up two Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse chapters. I am not sure of what funding has been, but I would argue that it is important to continue because grass roots agitation for tort reform helps us to protect comment i.

HAWAII: no additional expenditures foreseen. Red Morris and Stan Mukai will handle protective orders as part of their USA contract.

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✓ IDAHO: *no additional expenditures foreseen.*

NEVADA: No 1994 session. Some discussion was had last year about setting up Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse chapters. If this is a priority state, which I don't think it is, \$25,000 should be adequate to the task of startup.

OREGON: No 1994 session.

WASHINGTON: Short 1994 session. Bill prohibiting protective orders passed in 1993. State should be on our defensive watch list. May need additional lobbying help if something onerous is introduced.

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