

Dear Fellow Tobacco Farmers;

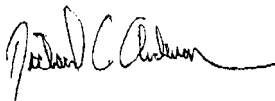
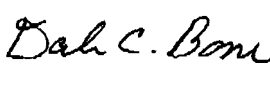
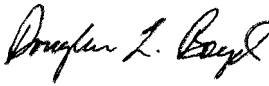
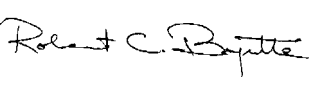
This letter is to inform you of our support for the lawsuit Fisher vs. Flue-Cured Tobacco Stabilization Corporation. There is much misinformation and questions around the country as to what this is all about. Let us explain:

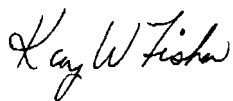
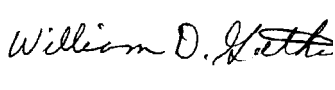
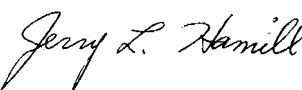

1. You and I and every other tobacco farmer, both past and present, are members of Stabilization. This membership is not something that can be withdrawn just because someone changes the rules.
2. Each of us members should have a right to vote and to hold office regardless of where we sell our tobacco.
3. Stabilization has realized its success because of our support as tobacco farmers through tobacco put under loan that was sold at a profit and through No Net Cost Assessments paid each year on every pound of tobacco we sold.
4. Congress, in its infinite wisdom, did away with the tobacco price support system last October. We do not believe that it is within Stabilization's authority or ability to create a successful new price support system especially with the money made from the sale of OUR tobacco.
5. For too many years Stabilization has been allowed to operate our cooperative in utmost secrecy.
6. How many tobacco farmers knew that Stabilization was purchasing a \$26 million cigarette manufacturing company prior to the sale being finalized? How many other times have we as members been informed of Stabilization's activities after the fact?
7. Stabilization currently holds nearly \$250 million in cash or its equivalent that belongs to tobacco growers. This money belongs to GROWERS and not STABILIZATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
8. Stabilization currently holds funds that they refuse to admit belong to us. We actually received 1099's on some of that money and have already paid the income taxes on it. How can they not admit that WE own money that we have already paid income tax on?
9. Stabilization has positioned its self to be a leaf dealer, price support administrator, and cigarette manufacturer all in direct competition with traditional tobacco companies that have been our "bread and butter" in the past and, without unfair competition, will remain our "bread and butter" in the future.
10. We believe that Stabilization does not have the authority or right to remove anyone from its list of membership through any scheme or device such as an "Exclusive" nor "Non-Exclusive" tobacco contract.

11. A civil law suit is a drastic measure and none of us like law suits. However, when the management of OUR cooperative arrogantly threatens to return everyone's five dollar membership fee that doesn't play by the new rules, it requires drastic measures.
12. We encourage Stabilization to find its place in the future just as each tobacco farmer now faces a new day and must find our particular place either in or out of this industry.
13. Whatever Stabilization determines its future role shall be, we believe and demand that the membership determine that future and that it finance these ventures through the private sector just as we tobacco farmers have to and not be allowed to use funds that belong to its members.
14. If Stabilization cannot find a way to operate today on privately secured financing, how does it expect to continue to operate after our \$250 million dollars is wasted and thrown away?

We believe that this lawsuit will accomplish these goals and return the ownership of Stabilization to its members like it once was. Please review the enclosed materials and attend the informational meeting nearest you for further explanation about this case, a discussion with our attorneys about the lawsuit's background and its future.


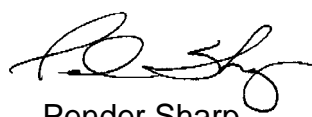
Sincerely,




  
 Richard Anderson      Dale C. Bone      Douglas Boyd      Robert Boyette




  
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