

Memorable Memo

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Dear Colleagues:

I appreciate your thoughtful invitation for me to attend the "Ice Cream for America" celebration sponsored by the International Association of Ice Cream Manufacturers. Public officials have a responsibility to take a stand on the tough issues of the day, and I am proud to state that I personally enjoy ice cream and always have.

But what I enjoy and what other people enjoy aren't always the same. There are some people who will say that ice cream is bad for your health. A few may reject it out of hand because it may lead to stronger substances, like chocolate cake or pecan pie. Others will suggest moderation, explaining that excess is seldom a virtue, and that problems can result whenever there is overindulgence, with ice cream as with anything else.

My Congressional District produces some of the finest tobacco products in the world. At every corner of the globe, people are enjoying North Carolina tobacco. And my constituents are as proud of the quality of their products as the American ice cream manufacturers should be of theirs.

We are fortunate to live in a nation that cherishes individual freedom and responsibility. I hope you will keep that in mind when some of your guests light up after enjoying their ice cream. After all, one man's scoop is another man's smoke.

Sincerely,



Tim Valentine
Member of Congress

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