



April 2, 2018

Dear Member:

As we mentioned in our letter to Members dated March 1, 2018, Chief Judge Dever's ruling approving the mediated settlement in *Speaks, et al. v. U.S. Tobacco Cooperative Inc.* dated February 20, 2018 remained subject to a possible appeal.

On March 21, 2018, an appeal was in fact filed on behalf of the following objectors

- Sharp Farms, Inc.
- Chester Worthington, Jr. and Worthington Farms, Inc.
- Tucker Farms, Inc.
- Robert W. May

This appeal does not change the date by which claims must be filed in the Speaks settlement. All claims must still be filed by May 26, 2018.

Again, we direct you to the settlement website: <https://fluecuredtobaccosettlement.com>. If you would like to file a claim, you can do so from the website or by calling **1-866-458-3207** and requesting that a claim form be mailed to you. If you have any questions about filling out the claim form, you can call the Claims Administrator at **1-866-458-3207** or visit the website for answers to frequently asked questions. **Claims must be filed by May 26, 2018.**

The Cooperative will aggressively defend against this appeal and will be contending that Chief Judge Dever's approval should be affirmed in all respects.

Unfortunately, this appeal on behalf of the above mentioned objectors will delay the payment of claims and require continued legal expenditures by the Cooperative in responding to the appeal.

At this point in time, we are unable to say how long the appeal will take to be finalized, but we will be trying to expedite it and bring it to a prompt, successful conclusion. We will continue to keep you apprised as the process moves forward.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert B. Fulford, Jr." in a cursive script.

Robert B. Fulford, Jr.  
CEO and President