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MEMORANDUM

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To: Mr. John R. Nelson, Jr., Chairman  
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Therefore, we see no conflict at this time but we also oppose using our friends on the labor management committee for the products effort. However, we all must remain diligent in our efforts in Harrisburg to see that these two subjects are not linked together in the future. We will be prepared to discuss this further at this month's policy committee meeting.

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cc: Mr. Samuel D. Chilcote, Jr.  
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