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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Members of the Executive Committee
FR: Samuel D. Chilcote, Jr. 

Our efforts to broaden the public smoking issue to include all aspects of indoor air quality continue to find receptive audiences among the media, and with many of our allies. I am pleased to report the following recent highlights:

In late February, the AFL-CIO Executive Council unanimously adopted a resolution placing organized labor on record in support of clean indoor air through adequate and properly maintained ventilation systems. (Attachment A) The resolution, combined with one on smoking in the workplace adopted by the same group two years ago, presents a compelling argument -- from labor's perspective -- in support of the broader issue of indoor air quality.

Among labor's strongest supporters of the indoor air quality issue is the Service Employees International Union. SEIU, the nation's fastest growing union, represents a number of workers in pink and white collar workplaces. The attached article that begins on page 10 of SEIU's national magazine (Attachment B), was mailed to one million members nationwide. It describes SEIU's work on the indoor air quality issue, including the activities of the Northern New England Indoor Air Coalition, which the Tobacco Industry Labor Management Committee supports.

Ventilation consultant Gray Robertson continues to produce excellent results, including the enclosed article from this month's Washingtonian magazine. (Attachment C) The cover story, "Is your office making you sick?" clearly places environmental tobacco smoke in perspective as but one of a multitude of factors in the indoor air.

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cc: Communications Committee
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Attachments

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