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## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** February 24, 1992  
**From:** James J. Tiernan  
**To:** James Golden, President  
National Energy Management Institute (NEMI)  
**Subject:** 1991 End of Year Report

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During 1991 Urban Resources attempted to advance legislation promoting indoor air quality standards for the National Energy Management Institute in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. That legislative effort was not successful. However, the activities of Urban Resources has advanced the legislation to a point where it is likely that legislation accomplishing the intent of the 1991 legislation will be enacted during the coming session of the Massachusetts Legislature. This memo will provide you with a year-end report on our activities. It will particularly focus on the activities of Urban Resources during the months of November and December.

In the final days of the 1991 legislative session, a combination of factors came together to preclude the enactment of the NEMI legislative package. These factors included a rancorous fight in the legislature over workers compensation legislation. This more than any other event was a cause of the demise of the NEMI legislative package. Because of the workers compensation legislation, the House Ways & Means Committee virtually suspended work on other legislative matters. Further, and most importantly, many of the legislative agents and organizations involved in supporting the NEMI indoor air quality legislation were locked in bitter debate over the workers compensation legislation. It became impossible to have the parties sit down at the negotiating table to make sure that the legislation met all of the parties concerns.

Prior to the legislative logjam and the communication breakdown among the legislative counsels, Urban Resources had been able to accomplish the following:

1. Provide copies of proposed legislation to the following organizations for review and comments:
  - A. Massachusetts AFL-CIO
  - B. Associated Industries of Massachusetts
  - C. Greater Boston Real Estate Board
  - D. Massachusetts Real Estate Board
  - E. Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce
  - F. The Tobacco Institute  
(I understand that the Institute provided copies to their members)
2. Convened two meetings with representatives of the above organizations to determine what changes, if any, had to be made in the introduced legislation.
3. Convened separate meetings with the lobbyists for the identified organizations to determine what, if any, assistance they might be able to provide on the effort to move the legislation out of the House Ways & Means Committee.
4. Met with members of the Joint Commerce Committee to request favorable action on the legislation.

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5. Met with members of the House Ways & Means Committee to request the Committee amend and report the bill to the House floor.

The efforts with the organizations was reasonably successful. The legislation is now in a form that is apparently acceptable to all of the interested parties. The effort to move the bill out of the Commerce Committee was also successful. The bill was approved and sent to the House Ways & Means Committee. The legislation could not be moved out of the Ways & means Committee.

In anticipation of the defeat of the legislative effort for 1991, the amended legislation was refiled for the 1992 session.

For the 1992 session, Urban Resources will join with Northeast Legislative Strategies to attempt to enact the legislation. That proposal has already been provided to you by Dennis Dyer.

cc. Jim Savarese  
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