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TO: Martha Rinker
FROM: Tom Donahue
SUBJECT: Oregon IAQ Task Force

March 30, 1990

On Sunday, March 25, I met with Irvin Fletcher, president of the Oregon AFL-CIO, who was in Washington on business. The purpose of our meeting was to continue our discussion concerning the Oregon IAQ Task Force, empowered by the state legislature to develop a state strategy and draft legislation to deal with the issue of indoor air quality.

As you know, the Task Force is administered by the state Department of Human Resources' Health Division. Reports of the initial meetings of the Task Force indicate that there exists a strong anti-tobacco agenda which will eventually find its way into the Task Force's report to the state legislature, due this coming September. Absent from these initial meetings has been a discussion of the position of organized labor with respect to IAQ and smoking in the workplace.

This is true in spite of the presence on the Task Force of a member allegedly designated to represent organized labor. This Task Force member does not have the authority or permission of the Oregon AFL-CIO to represent it. Nor is the member in question even an elected leader within her own local union, affiliated with the Communications Workers of America (CWA).

President Fletcher, after being informed of the situation, immediately contacted the head of the Human Resources Department and informed him that the AFL-CIO is not represented on the Task Force and therefore requests a presentation before that body.

Fletcher has also called a meeting in his office in Salem on April 9 to discuss the situation with statewide leaders of the Sheet Metal Workers, BC&T, the Machinists and his own health and safety director, who coincidentally is also a member of CWA.

Fletcher has asked me to attend the meeting and help shape the position and strategy of the state federation with respect to the Task Force. With the support of the LMC unions in Oregon and the

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state AFL-CIO, we should be able to secure a presentation given to the Task Force by me and a NEMI representative.

Please let me know if you see any problem with this plan of action. I have placed a call to Paul Jacobson to brief him on my meeting with Fletcher, but have not yet reached him.

cc: Martin Gleason
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