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MEMORANDUM

To: Walter Woodson

From: Susan Stuntz *SS*

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Early last year, the Service Employees International Union, which represents maintenance, clerical and hospital workers, launched an indoor air quality awareness campaign in Maine and New Hampshire, in conjunction with the Maine State Employees Assn., which is not affiliated with the AFL-CIO. For SEIU, it's an organizing issue -- and, in Maine, a means of helping Sen. Mitchell with his federal clean indoor air legislation.

We became aware of the program by accident a few months later. Since then, we've provided some logistical assistance, and Gray Robertson's services as needed. But the project has been entirely SEIU's. To the extent that their efforts parallel and/or compliment ours in New England, so much the better.

There may exist an opportunity to take this kind of a project to other states, but it's the brainchild of the union's OSHA director here in D.C. He has limited time and less inclination to spread things further until he's persuaded New England is a success. He also needs a good reason to move into another state (smoking restriction legislation isn't it -- organizing opportunities are). As with the labor lobbyist, we were instructed to approach him about a project in Minnesota. We are doing so. However, we don't want to wear out our welcome. We'd be thrown out the door if we presented him with a list of six or seven other states we wanted "done."

It's frustrating, I know. But please continue to remember that we're not calling upon the services of paid lobbyists here.

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