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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Members of the Executive Committee

FROM: Samuel D. Chilcote, Jr. 

I have reported to you previously on the imminent release of the Department of Transportation study of aircraft cabin air quality, that reportedly will conclude some increased risk in lung cancer in flight attendants from ETS exposure, and on follow-up recommendations under consideration at DoT.

The Institute has focused its efforts to ensure that Administration and Congressional officials recognize the industry's objections to additional regulation even before the legislation mandating a ban on flights of six hours or less has taken effect.

At the same time, we took steps to ensure that other airlines would not follow Delta's lead and expand the smoking ban to cover all North American routes. I am enclosing for your information the letter that I sent to Delta last week.

According to the latest reports we have received, our efforts appear to have met with some success. Currently, we understand that DoT plans to release the cabin air quality report later this week without publicity and without recommendations for additional action.

We also are told that major carriers other than Delta -- including United, American, Pan Am and USAir -- remain opposed to any extension of a smoking ban to international flights. And while they intend to comply with the six-hour ban when it goes into effect, none report any plans to expand that ban. However, they also have indicated that they would not oppose Congressional or Administration efforts to expand the ban to all domestic flights.

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We have shared with scientific consultants the preliminary information we have obtained on the DoT study. They -- and The Institute -- will be prepared to respond to the study when it is released. I will forward a copy of the DoT study, and The Institute's comments, to you as soon as they become available.

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Enclosure

cc: TI Senior Staff

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