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MEMORANDUM

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TO: William F. Coyne, Jr., Esq.
FROM: Dennis M. Dyer *Dennis M. Dyer*
RE: Gray Robertson's Alleged Lobbying in Massachusetts

Attached for your information is a copy of Stephen Roche's letter of April 6 to Gray Robertson. While it would seem to me that Mr. Robertson was in Massachusetts to testify as an expert witness on behalf of the Tobacco Institute on the question of clean indoor air quality and not to take a position on the passage of any particular piece of legislation, we must take this request seriously.

This rather blatant attempt by the assistant director of the Department of Public Health, Greg Connolly to use his brother, Michael Connolly's, office to harass those who hold opinions different from his is an offensive abuse of the power of the executive branch of government. In any state it would be tasteless. In the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with its "open government" governor, it is even more reprehensible. This latest activity, when viewed in conjunction with the earlier action by Bailus Walker, Jr. to stifle the free speech of a University of Massachusetts School of Public Health professor who held a similar view, seems to indicate a pattern of intimidation.

I would appreciate your comments and your suggested approach to this immediate problem and recommendations for eliminating future harassment by Mr. Connolly.

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. William R. Delaney (w/ enclosure)
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Mr. Gray Robertson
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