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Re: Research-Consultancy Project
 for Meckler Engineers Group

Gentlemen:

Last October a pilot study on ventilation standards was approved for the Meckler Engineers Group and has now been completed. Based on the results of that study and our continuing need to oppose the adoption of ventilation standards based on smoking, we are recommending that a Special Fund 4 Research-Consultancy Project in the amount of \$60,000 be approved.

The pilot study enabled Mr. Milton Meckler to explore the feasibility of obtaining measurements related to air quality in office buildings through independent testing laboratories. Mr. Meckler has advised that he considers these data to be very important in his efforts to persuade The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) that the present ASHRAE ventilation standard should be substantially changed. The funding requested would enable Mr. Meckler to obtain this information and to prepare scientific reports and analyses which could be used in legislative and engineering forums.

Mr. Meckler has recently appeared before the California Energy Commission to give testimony in opposition to the California

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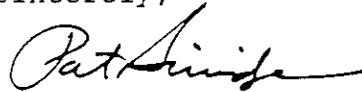
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Energy Efficiency Standards' proposal to incorporate the present ASHRAE ventilation standard. He is also planning to address the ASHRAE Ventilation Standard Revision Committee at the winter meeting of ASHRAE later this month in Atlanta. Because of his standing with ASHRAE and his professional reputation, Mr. Meckler's views should be given careful consideration.

We are consulting regularly with Mr. Meckler and his staff and consider our relationship with the Meckler Engineers Group very important in our efforts in the indoor air quality arena. The proposed Research-Consultancy Project will be of considerable help in continuing this work.

An early response would be appreciated.

Sincerely,



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