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The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
State of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

The California Industrial Hygiene Council (CIHC) is writing to respectfully convey its enthusiastic support for the appointment of Mr. Joel Cohen, CIH, to the Health position on California's Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board. It is our understanding that Mr. Joel Cohen, CIH, is interested in serving on the Health position and has submitted his application to your office for consideration.

By way of background, the CIHC was founded in 1990 to establish a legislative presence in California to represent the Industrial Hygiene profession. The field of Industrial Hygiene is dedicated to the anticipation, recognition, evaluation, and control of occupational and environmental health hazards. CIHC, representing the five Local Sections of AIHA in California and whose members come from consulting, industry, small business and regulatory agencies, views its mission as bringing good science to the legislative and/or regulatory table which impacts the health of both workers and the public. It is affiliated with the National American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA), a 12,000 member organization, as well as the International Occupational Hygiene Association (IOHA), which represents the global community of Occupational Hygiene organizations in over 26 countries.


We have known Joel for many years and find him to be an extremely competent professional. Joel is currently the President and Senior Environmental Health and Safety Consultant to the Cohen Group, a company he founded in 1980 to assist employers in business and government with their occupational health and safety efforts.

Joel has been very involved in supporting our profession through his service in numerous Industrial Hygiene organizations, including the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) and the California Industrial Hygiene Council (CIHC). Additionally, he has been involved with the Cal/OSHA standards setting process for many years. He has co-authored several books on the topic of Cal/OSHA compliance and has published dozens of articles in the scientific literature on the assessment of health hazards.

The State of California would be very well served by having a person of Mr. Cohen's caliber serving on the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board. He possesses the knowledge and ability to make valuable contributions to the Board, and would effectively represent your goals for a safe California.

We ask for your favorable consideration of this outstanding candidate, and would be happy to provide any further information you might require.

Sincerely,



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