



April 18, 2017

Senator Connie Leyva
State Capitol, Room 4061
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Request for amendment to S.B. 774 – Specifying a Certified Industrial Hygienist be a member of the California Toxic Substances Board

Dear Senator Leyva,

On behalf of the California Industrial Hygiene Council (CIHC), the American Industrial Hygiene Association® (AIHA), and AIHA's California Local Sections, I write to request that you amend Article 2, Section 24711 of Senate Bill 774 "Hazardous substances: California Toxic Substances Board" to require that one of the members of the California Toxic Substances Board, which would be created by this bill, would be a Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH). As currently written, the bill states that one member of the board shall be "an environmental scientist qualified in the fields of toxicology, chemistry, geology, industrial hygiene, or engineering specific to the statutory responsibilities of the board."

A CIH is an individual who has met the requirements for education and experience as set forth by the American Board of Industrial Hygiene, and who through successful completion of the required examination, has demonstrated an acceptable level of skills and knowledge in a number of different areas, including, but not limited to: analytical chemistry, health risk analysis and hazard communication, toxicology, biohazards, and the practice of industrial hygiene.

Because CIHs carry a high level of distinction within the occupational and environmental health and safety professions, and their areas of expertise are fully in line with the proposed work of the California Toxic Substances Board, we strongly feel that the State of California and its 39 million residents would greatly benefit from specifying a CIH as a required board member.

With the addition of such an amendment, CIHC, AIHA, and AIHA's California Local Sections would all support the approval of S.B. 774 by the Environmental Quality Committee, and hope to see the bill enacted into law before the State Legislature adjourns this year.

We look forward to working with you to help protect the health and safety of all of California's residents. Please feel free to contact Mark Ames, AIHA's Director of Government Relations, at mames@aiha.org or (703) 846-0730.

The California Industrial Hygiene Council¹ was founded in 1990 to establish a legislative presence in the California State Capitol for the industrial hygiene profession. It is supported by the Local Sections of AIHA within California. The Local Sections consist of Northern CA, Orange County, Sacramento, San Diego, and Southern CA. Catherine Barankin is the legislative advocate for the Council, and can be reached at (916) 417-0911.

Founded in 1939, AIHA² is the premier association of occupational and environmental health and safety professionals. AIHA's 8,500 members play a crucial role on the front line of worker health and safety every day. Our members represent a cross-section of industry, private business, labor, government and academia.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Sloan, CAE
Chief Executive Officer
AIHA

Cc:
Senate Committee on Environmental Quality

¹ <https://www.cihconline.com/index.html>

² <https://www.aiha.org/Pages/default.aspx>