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**RE: SUPPORT OF LEN WELSH, CHIEF OF DOSH**

Dear Governor Brown:

I am writing you on behalf of the California Industrial Hygiene Council (CIHC) to support the retention of Len Welsh as Chief of DOSH.

By way of background, the CIHC was founded in 1990 to provide public policy makers with good science to the California legislative and/or regulatory table which impacts the health of both workers and the public. It is supported by the local sections of the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) within California—including Northern CA, Orange County, Sacramento, San Diego, and Southern CA. Furthermore, it is affiliated with the 12,000 member National American Industrial Hygiene Association (NAIHA), as well as the 26 country member International Occupational Hygiene Association (IOHA).

Our organization has had the good fortune of working with Mr. Welsh for many years in his current and former positions, and has found him to be extremely knowledgeable, competent and fair. Mr. Welsh brings a wealth of experience from both the public and private sectors. In addition to his private legal practice, he has served in a number of positions within the Department of Industrial Relations, including legal counsel, before being promoted to Special Counsel in 1994 and Deputy Chief for Health and Engineering Services in 1999. He was appointed to his current position as DOSH Chief in 2007.

Mr. Welsh is a regular guest speaker at our annual CIHC Conferences and other professional gatherings in his ongoing commitment to keep the public informed of the work done by his Division. He is always available for discussions and open to new ideas from the environmental health, occupational health and safety professions.

Mr. Welsh holds a BA degree in Sociology and Spanish from Rutgers University, MS degree in Environmental Health Sciences from UC Berkeley School of Public Health, and a JD degree from the University of California Hastings College of Law in San Francisco. We highly recommend him to you!

Best Regards,

Chris Laszcz-Davis, MS, CIH, REA, President  
California Industrial Hygiene Council

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