

CALIFORNIA INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE COUNCIL



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Assemblyman Ted Lieu
State Capitol, Room 3173
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT TO AB 828 re: BUILDING STANDARDS

On behalf of the California Industrial Hygiene Council (CIHC) I am writing to request an amendment to your AB 828 related to Green Building Standards.

Beginning on page 3, lines 8 through 11 of the May 21, 2009 version, the bill requires the California Building Standards Commission, in developing green building standards, to consult with environmental advocacy groups, local government, code enforcement officials, building construction and design representatives and interested members of the public. We would respectfully request that the bill be amended to add consultation with *a health and safety professional such as a Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH)* as well.

The reason for this request is that Green Building Standards will impact building inhabitants (tenants), those who move through buildings for short periods of time (the public) and those who work on or in buildings (workers). While environmental advocacy groups may well address some public issues, they may not have the comprehensive expertise in the health and safety profession that Certified Industrial Hygienists possess.

Section 20700 of the Business and Professions Code defines this profession as follows:

(a) "**Industrial** hygiene" means the science and art devoted to the anticipation, recognition, evaluation, and control of environmental factors or stresses which may cause sickness, impaired health and well-being, or significant discomfort and inefficiency among workers or among the citizens of a community.

(b) "**Certified industrial hygienist (CIH)**" means a person who has met the education, experience, and examination requirements of an **industrial** hygiene certification organization.

The CIHC was founded in 1990 to establish a legislative presence in California to represent the Industrial Hygiene profession and the public they work to protect. It is affiliated with the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA), a 12,000 member organization. I look forward to discussing this amendment with you at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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