

CALIFORNIA INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE COUNCIL



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Senator Jenny Oropeza
State Capitol, Room 5114
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SUPPORT FOR SB 124 (Oropeza)

On behalf of the California Industrial Hygiene Council (CIHC) I am writing to inform you of our support for your SB 124 related to idling buses.

This bill codifies an existing regulation adopted by the California Air Resources Board (ARB) to limit the idling of school buses, school pupil activity buses, youth buses, transit buses, general public paratransit vehicles, and other commercial motor vehicles at or near schools and makes the penalty consistent with the penalty for commercial motor vehicles that violate ARB's rule to limit diesel-fueled commercial motor vehicle idling.

The CIHC was founded in 1990 to establish a legislative presence in California representing the Industrial Hygiene profession, and is affiliated with the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA), a 12,000 member organization. The field of Industrial Hygiene is dedicated to the anticipation, recognition, evaluation, and control of occupational and environmental health hazards. CIHC represents the five Local Sections of AIHA in California and its mission is to bring good science to the legislative and/or regulatory table which impacts the health of workers and the public.

Sincerely,

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