



April 12, 2010

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

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

The American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) is pleased to offer our 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. Cohen is interested in serving on the Board and has submitted his application to your office for consideration. AIHA also understands Mr. Cohen has received the support of the California Industrial Hygiene Council, an organization that represents AIHA members and other industrial hygienists in California.

AIHA is the premier association serving the needs of professionals involved in occupational and environmental health and safety practicing industrial hygiene in industry, government, labor, academic institutions, and independent organizations. The AIHA mission is to promote healthy and safe environments by advancing the science, principles, practice, and value of industrial and occupational hygiene. AIHA is not only committed to protecting and improving worker health, but the health and well-being of adults and children in our communities.

Mr. Cohen is Certified in the Comprehensive Aspects of Industrial Hygiene (CIH), the hallmark of professional excellence in a mature and internationally recognized profession whose skills optimize the fusion of the chemical and physical sciences. Industrial Hygienists are well established in their recognized ability to review, evaluate and interpret occupational health root causes, the environments in which they arise, and the companion remedies which need to take place to further mitigate risk in the workplace, the community, the consumer market and the public sector. The State of California needs someone on their Board in the Health position who truly appreciates the multi-dimensional aspects of today's physical, chemical and biological insults and their impact on its citizens.

AIHA is pleased to support the nomination of Mr. Cohen and believes the State of California would be very well served with his appointment.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Respectfully,

Cathy L. Cole, CIH, CSP
AIHA President