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Secretary of Labor Nominee Hilda Solis  
U.S. Department of Labor  
200 Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20210

Dear Secretary Nominee Solis:

On behalf of the California Industrial Hygiene Council (CIHC), congratulations on your nomination. We have every confidence that you will be confirmed and will do a great job.

In addition to offering our congratulations we (the CIHC) want to express our unequivocal support for Dr. John Howard, whose name has surfaced as one who may be under consideration for appointment as the next Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA. His qualifications and track record are second to none.

Upon review of his CV, you will note that his eleven years as Chief of the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) were served during both Democrat and Republican administrations. Throughout these years he was broadly respected and supported by labor; management and safety and health professionals. His leadership while at Cal/OSHA resulted in visible professional growth of the Cal/OSHA staff and significant standards development, enforcement and consulting initiatives that were (and still are) very important for California workers and their employers. During his tenure as Director of NIOSH, he demonstrated the same leadership skills that earned him the respect and support of labor, management and the safety and health professionals on a national level.

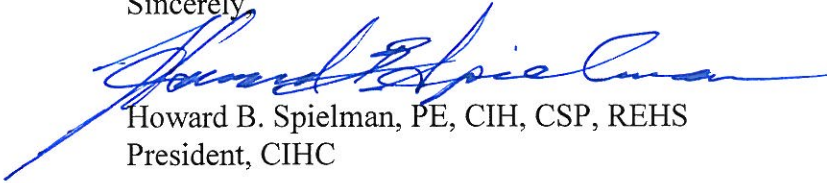
OSHA is an agency desperately in need of positive change and redirection for the benefit of America's workers. Within the spirit of the Obama Administration's dedication to positive change and inclusion of all interests, Dr. Howard is absolutely the best choice to lead this Agency.

CIHC is a coalition of the five Local Sections of the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) located in California. We represent the Industrial Hygiene profession in California for legislative and regulatory affairs that deal with worker safety and health and coordinate with the

national AIHA on matters of national interest. Together with national AIHA we are at your disposal to be of assistance in ensuring the safety and healthfulness of America's workplaces.

In the course of Dr. Howard's tenures as Cal/OSHA Chief and NIOSH Director, we have worked closely with him and know he is the best choice for the position of OSHA Assistant Secretary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Howard B. Spielman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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