

CALIFORNIA INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE COUNCIL



Assemblyman Chris Holden
State Capitol
P.O. Box 942849
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July 22nd, 2022

RE: SUPPORT OF AB 257 Food Facilities and Employment

Dear Assemblyman Holden,

California Industrial Hygiene Council (CIHC) is writing you this letter in support of AB257 which you and your co-authors Carillo, Low, Luz Rivas, Mia Bonta, Gipson, Kaira, McCarty, Muratsuchi and Santiago are sponsoring in the current legislative session. Founded in 1990, CIHC represents the Industrial Hygiene profession in California and is affiliated with the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA), a 12,000 member organization. Our Board consists of Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH) representatives from all of the California local sections of the American Industrial Hygiene Association. Our mission is to bring good science to the legislative and/or regulatory table which impacts the health of workers and the public. We find your bill, as drafted, aligned with our mission.

CIHC supports AB 257 and recommends that the council to be formed under the legislation should establish sector-wide minimum standards for training employees in this sector on the following topics: identifying and controlling hazards common to the fast food industry workplaces, providing explanations of workers' rights and employer responsibilities including use of the work permit system for those employees under 18 years of age, prevention of workplace violence, sexual harassment/assault, as well as education on wage and hour rights, workers' compensation, and paid leave.

CIHC supports your efforts.

We would be happy to work with your office. Should you have any questions concerning the above information, please contact my office at 415-482-5658, or CIHC President, Pamela Murcell, CIH, at 916-712-4547.

Very truly yours,

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