

CALIFORNIA INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE COUNCIL



Assemblyman Joaquin Arambula
State Capitol
P.O. Box 942849
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April 23, 2021

RE: SUPPORT OF AB 263 PRIVATE DETENTION FACILITIES

Dear Assemblyman Arambula,

California Industrial Hygiene Council (CIHC) is writing you this letter in support of AB263 which you and your co-authors Senator Durazo and Assemblymen Santiago and Waldron 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.

Requiring private detention facility operators to comply with all local and state public health orders as well as occupational safety and health regulations, as proposed should make for safer living and working conditions, particularly during the pandemic we are currently experiencing and for better living and working conditions for immigrants being housed in these facilities. 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 650.349.9737.

Very truly yours,

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