CALIFORNIA INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE COUNCIL



Assemblyman Tim Grayson 1021 O Street, Suite 5650 Sacramento, CA 95814 June 10, 2023

RE: SUPPORT FOR AB 700 (Grayson) CA Firefighter Cancer Prevention & Research

Dear Assemblyman Grayson,

The California Industrial Hygiene Council (CIHC) appreciates the opportunity to provide this letter of support for your AB 700 and hopes that this important proposed legislation makes its way through this year's process and to the Governor's desk for his approval.

CIHC fully supports the Legislature's intent to establish a program to award grants for fire service community-based participatory research examining biomarkers of carcinogenic exposure and effect in order to identify the biological mechanisms that cause cancer in firefighters, and to reduce the incidence of cancer among California firefighters.

It appears that mechanisms are already in place through the California Department of Public Health and the University of California to enable enactment of this program fairly expeditiously once appropriation is approved.

The CIHC Board members review, monitor and comment on legislation which may impact the occupational environmental health and safety (OEHS) profession, but also on legislation which may impact occupational and environmental health and safety in general. This includes legislation which CIHC considers may have impact on our stakeholders – the community and workers of California. CIHC (https://www.cihconline.com/about-cihc) was founded in 1990 to establish a legislative presence in the State Capitol for the OEHS profession. It is supported by the local sections of the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) within California.

Respectfully,

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