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Representative Jim Jordan (OH-04)
Chairman
Judiciary Committee
U.S. House of Representatives

Representative Jerrold Nadler (NY-12)
Ranking Member
Judiciary Committee
U.S. House of Representatives

Support for H.R.1631, the Protecting and Enhancing Public Access to Codes Act (“Pro Codes Act”)

Dear Chairman Jordan and Ranking Member Nadler:

AIHA, the association for scientists and professionals committed to preserving and ensuring occupational and environmental health and safety (OEHS), strongly encourages you to support H.R.1631, the Pro Codes Act.

As the bill recognizes, Congress, the Executive branch, and State and local governments have long acknowledged the value of standards development organizations (SDOs) in developing technical standards and voluntary consensus standards. These organizations employ a process that requires openness, balance, consensus, and due process, enabling all interested parties to participate in standards development. The resulting standards are crucial for innovation, commerce, public safety, and public health, all without imposing costs on governments or taxpayers.

The Pro Codes Act seeks to balance the need for public access to these important standards while ensuring that SDOs maintain the necessary funding to continue their work. By requiring SDOs to make all portions of standards incorporated by reference publicly accessible online at no monetary cost, this legislation promotes transparency while preserving copyright protections for SDOs.

AIHA firmly believes that the Pro Codes Act will strengthen public access to voluntary consensus standards. We encourage you to support this bill and urge its swift passage in Congress.

If you have any questions about AIHA’s support for the Pro Codes Act, please contact me at mames@aiha.org or (703) 846-0730.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Ames', with a horizontal line underneath.

Mark Ames
Director, Government Relations
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About AIHA

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