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Senator Jessica Ramos (D, WF)  
District 13  
Chair  
Committee on Labor  
New York State Senate

Senator Jack M. Martins (R, C)  
District 7  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Labor  
New York State Senate

## **AIHA Support for New York Senate Bill S1604A**

Dear Chairwoman Ramos and Ranking Member Martins,

AIHA, the association for scientists and professionals committed to preserving and ensuring occupational and environmental health and safety (OEHS), **strongly encourages you to swiftly pass Senate Bill S1604A, the Worksite Temperature Regulation Act.**

We believe that this bill is critical in addressing the growing concerns regarding heat stress among workers in various industries, particularly those who work outdoors or in indoor environments with high temperatures. Heat stress can result in a range of health issues, from heat exhaustion to heat stroke, and can have serious consequences for workers' well-being.

This legislation would require employers to implement a heat illness prevention program that includes access to drinking water, shaded areas for rest breaks, and mandatory training for supervisors and employees. Additionally, it mandates employers to implement a written plan for emergency response procedures in the event of a heat-related illness.

We strongly support the proposed legislation, as it will not only improve the health and safety of workers but also provide clear guidance for employers to follow. The implementation of a heat illness prevention program will also reduce the likelihood of costly and preventable workplace accidents and fatalities.

**As an organization dedicated to promoting and improving occupational and environmental health and safety, AIHA urges you to pass Senate Bill S1604A.** We believe that it is crucial to take proactive measures to protect the health and safety of workers, and this bill is a step in the right direction.

If you have any questions about AIHA's support for this bill or other matters, please contact me at [mames@aiha.org](mailto:mames@aiha.org) or (703) 846-0730. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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## About AIHA

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