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Ms. Dorothy Dougherty
Acting Director, Directorate of Standards and Guidance
Room N3718
Occupational Safety and Health Administration
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20210

Dear Ms Dougherty:

The American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) is pleased to nominate James R. Thornton to serve on the Maritime Advisory Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (MACOSH). As demonstrated by the enclosed resume, Mr. Thornton is highly qualified to participate on MACOSH by virtue of his experience, knowledge and expertise in the Maritime Industry.

Mr. Thornton has over 25 years of experience in managing an OSHA VPP STAR site program. Northrop Grumman Newport News is the largest VPP site in the U. S., and the only shipyard in the program. One essential element of the VPP is employee involvement; in that regard, Mr. Thornton has worked closely with multiple unions at Northrop Grumman Newport News to reduce injuries and illnesses.

Mr. Thornton has served previously as the Chairman of MACOSH, and was awarded the OSHA IMPACT Award by the Assistant Secretary of Labor for distinguished service on the OSHA Shipyard Employment Standards Advisory Committee (SESAC), the predecessor of MACOSH. Most recently, at the request of the National Safety Council, he participated on a blue ribbon panel to evaluate health and safety programs in the branches of service at the Department of Defense, including the U.S. Navy.

Not to be forgotten in Mr. Thornton's background is the fact that he is also Past President of the AIHA, is the current President of the Academy of Industrial Hygiene and is a Certified Safety Professional and Certified Industrial Hygienist. Mr. Thornton's dedication to the profession of industrial hygiene and his continued efforts to improve the health and safety of workers will be a tremendous asset to MACOSH.

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AIHA is pleased to nominate Mr. Thornton to this important committee, and if selected, he is committed to avail MACOSH with the necessary time to this important effort. If you require additional information, let us know. As you have requested, his specific contact information is provided below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roy M. Buchan", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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Enc: Thornton Resume

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