



November 24, 2008

Ms. Emily Spieler  
Obama Transition Team  
c/o Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
U.S. Department of Labor  
200 Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20210

Dear Ms. Spieler:

The American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) would like to take this opportunity to congratulate President-elect Barack Obama on his election as the 44<sup>th</sup> President of the United States. We look forward to working with the new Administration in addressing the many occupational health and safety issues that impact workers every day.

As you move forward with the selection process for the Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA, AIHA would like to offer a few of the qualifications we feel the individual should possess when addressing the complex health and safety problems facing today's workers.

It is our feeling the individual chosen to lead OSHA should meet, at a minimum:

- A lifelong commitment to occupational health and safety
- Comprehensive training in occupational health and safety
- At least 15 years of technical experience in occupational health and safety
- Proven management experience
- The vision and ability to build coalitions and consensus among diverse groups to effectively promote occupational health and safety

We recognize that many factors will come into play in the final selection of the successful nominee. However, as the workplace continues to change and become more diversified, as well as the continuing global expansion of workplace health and safety, AIHA believes the Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA could be one of the most important appointments of the new administration. The worker health and safety agenda is a long one and the new Assistant Secretary must be an individual able to carry out one of the major themes of the Obama-Biden campaign, that being an ability to bring diverse viewpoints together.

AIHA believes there are numerous individuals who meet the qualifications to serve as Assistant Secretary and hope you carefully consider the qualifications before making an appointment. AIHA would be more than pleased to answer any questions you might have about possible nominees. Several previous Assistant Secretaries have been AIHA members.

On another note, you might be interested in the most recent public policy issue survey of AIHA members. This survey highlights the top issues our members believe should be undertaken at OSHA in the Obama Administration. The top general issues are:

- Updating the Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs)
- Adopting the Globally Harmonized System (GHS)
- Nanotechnology

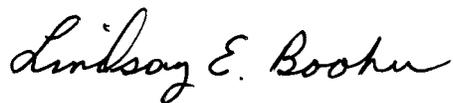
As for specific issues at OSHA, our members believe these are the top issues:

- Combustible Dust Standard
- Ergonomics
- Safety and Health Programs

Thank you for your time and consideration. As the premier association of occupational and environmental health and safety professionals, representing more than 10,000 members from a cross-section of industry, private business, labor, academia, and government, AIHA looks forward to working with the new Administration to see that every worker goes home healthy and safe.

If AIHA or I can be of any assistance to you in your deliberations, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lindsay E. Booher".

Lindsay E. Booher, CIH, CSP  
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