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Assembly Member Byron Jones-Sawyer, Sr.
700 Exposition Park Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90037

***Requested Amendments to AB 2799 (Adult-use cannabis and medicinal cannabis:
license application: OSHA training)***

Dear Assembly Member Jones-Sawyer:

On behalf of the American Industrial Hygiene Association® (AIHA), AIHA's Cannabis Industry Health and Safety Task Force, and the California Industrial Hygiene Council (CIHC), we request that AB 2799 be amended to reflect our position that the required 30-hour general industry safety training should only apply to cannabis extraction operations and the manufacturing of cannabis concentrates. Further, we recommend that a 10-hour general industry safety class be required for cultivation operations and all other non-extraction, non-concentrate manufacturing operations. Lastly, we recommend that transportation and retail distribution be exempt from both 30-hour and 10-hour requirements and adhere to existing standards only.

Background on AIHA

AIHA and our members have the expertise to help prevent, mitigate, and respond to workplace hazards – including those in the cannabis industry. Our expertise is based upon solid credibility built from 79 years of service to the industrial hygiene and occupational and environmental health and safety communities. Through our service to help protect the health and safety of all workers, we have a reach that extends to millions of people. Specifically, AIHA has more than 600 members in California, and 8,500 members throughout the United States and its territories who represent a cross-section of industry, private business, labor, government, and academia. We have Local Sections throughout the United States and more than 50 volunteer groups. We also have formal and informal partnership agreements with governmental and nongovernmental organizations that represent the full spectrum of worker health and safety vocations. For additional information on AIHA, please visit <https://www.aiha.org/>.

Background on CIHC

The California Industrial Hygiene Council was founded in 1990 to establish a legislative presence in the California State Capitol for the industrial hygiene profession. It is supported by the Local Sections of AIHA within California.

The Local Sections consist of Northern CA, Orange County, Sacramento Valley, San Diego, and Southern CA. CIHC is designated as the AIHA State Governmental Affairs Organization in California. For additional information on CIHC, please visit <https://www.cihconline.com/>.

Next Steps

For additional information, please contact Mark Ames, AIHA's Director of Government Relations, at mames@aiha.org or 703-846-0730, and Pamela Murcell at kwa-sacramento@att.net or 916-712-4547.

Sincerely,



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