March 10, 2022

Senator Julie Kushner  
District 24  
Co-Chair, Joint Committee on Labor and Public Employees  
Connecticut General Assembly

Representative Harry Arora  
District 151  
Ranking Member, Joint Committee on Labor and Public Employees  
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Representative Robyn A. Porter  
District 94  
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Senator Jorge Cabrera  
District 17  
Vice Chair, Joint Committee on Labor and Public Employees  
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Ranking Member, Joint Committee on Labor and Public Employees  
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Representative Emmanuel “Manny” Sanchez  
District 24  
Vice Chair, Joint Committee on Labor and Public Employees  
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**AIHA Support for H.B.5247: An Act Concerning Volunteer Fire Departments and Ambulance Companies and the Definition of Employer Under the State Occupational Safety and Health Act**

Dear Co-Chairs Kushner and Porter, Vice Chairs Cabrera and Sanchez, and Ranking Members Sampson and Arora:

AIHA, the association for scientists and professionals committed to preserving and ensuring occupational and environmental health and safety (OEHS), with members in Connecticut and throughout the nation, strongly encourages you to swiftly pass H.B.5247¹, which would help increase the health and safety of volunteer firefighters by allowing volunteer fire departments and volunteer ambulance companies to be under Connecticut Department of Labor's Division of Occupational Safety and Health (CONN-OSHA) jurisdiction.

If you have any questions about AIHA’s support for this bill or other matters, please contact Mark Ames at mames@aiha.org or (703) 846-0730.

Sincerely,

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