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Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner  
District 77  
Chair, Committee on Labor  
New York State Assembly  

Assemblywoman Catalina Cruz  
District 39  
New York State Assembly  

**AIHA Support for Assembly Bill 5361: Worker Heat-Related Illness Protection**

Dear Assemblymembers Joyner and Cruz:

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 Assembly Bill 5361. This bill would require the Commissioner of Labor, in consultation with the Commissioner of Health, to establish standards and training requirements to help protect delivery workers from heat-related illnesses. The legislation would also require employers to develop and implement a heat-related illness prevention plan, provide annual training to employees who may be exposed to high heat levels, and maintain records of employee heat-related illnesses and deaths.

AIHA believes that heat is a serious occupational hazard which is often not adequately controlled. As such, we urge you to swiftly pass Assembly Bill 5361. This legislation would make meaningful progress in our efforts to protect New Yorkers from heat-related illnesses.

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

Sincerely,

Mark Ames  
Director, Government Relations  
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