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

Assemblyman Harry B. Bronson
District 138
New York State Assembly

Assemblywoman Sarah Clark
District 136
New York State Assembly

**AIHA Support for A.9398, the Nail Salon Minimum Standards Council Act**

Dear Assembly Members Joyner, Bronson, and Clark:

AIHA, the association for scientists and professionals committed to preserving and ensuring occupational and environmental health and safety, which has more than 200 members in New York and thousands more throughout the nation, commends the Assembly for focusing on legislation to protect the health and safety of nail salon workers. We urge the Committee on Labor to swiftly pass A.9398, the Nail Salon Minimum Standards Council Act¹, and encourage your colleagues to enact the bill into law.

This legislation would create a nail salon minimum standards council that would set the stage for improving the health and safety protections of nail salon workers and customers. Of particular note, the nail salon minimum standards council would have a non-voting member who has experience with occupational safety and health standards and compliance.

This legislation is vital because, while attention is typically focused on consumer protections, salon worker health and safety protections are frequently treated as an afterthought.

AIHA, which has more than 200 members in New York and thousands more throughout the nation, urges you to swiftly enact A.9398, the Nail Salon Minimum Standards Council Act, setting the stage to protect the health and safety of nail salon workers.

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,

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About AIHA
AIHA is the association for scientists and professionals committed to preserving and ensuring occupational and environmental health and safety in the workplace and community. Founded in 1939, we support our members with our expertise, networks, comprehensive education programs, and other products and services that help them maintain the highest professional and competency standards. More than half of AIHA’s nearly 8,500 members are Certified Industrial Hygienists and many hold other professional designations. AIHA serves as a resource for those employed across the public and private sectors as well as to the communities in which they work. For more information, please visit www.aiha.org.

Cc:
Senator Jessica Ramos
Senator Shelley B. Mayer